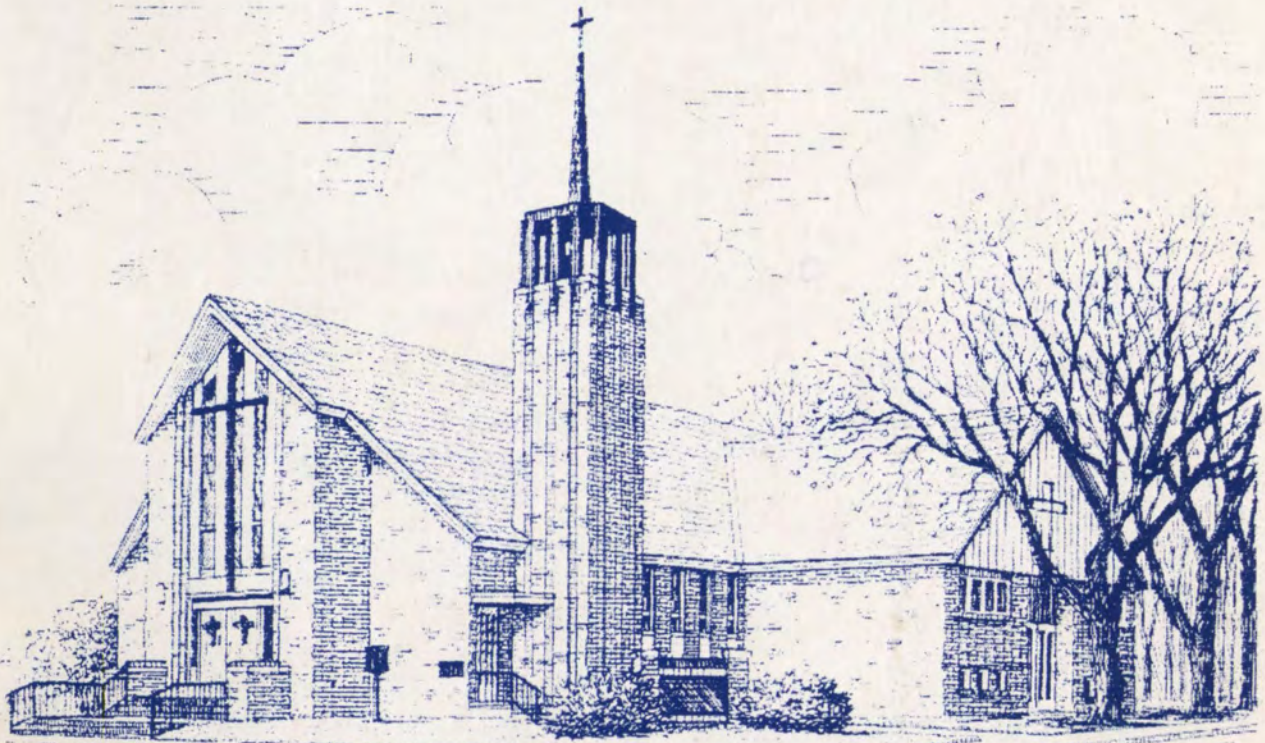


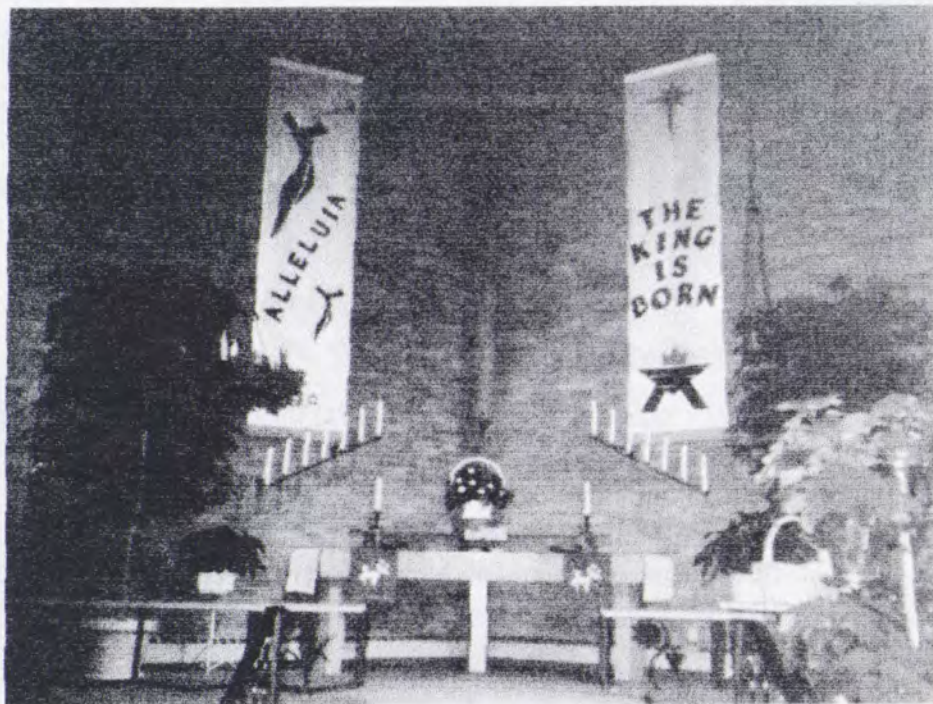
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75th Anniversary
1923 - 1998

*Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Ellendale, North Dakota*

"I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord." Ps 122:1



"Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us." II Samuel 7:12

Praise Thy God, O Zion

Psalm 147:12



The heavenly Zion, the final abode of the Redeemed, is symbolized by the crown of glory, the palms of victory and the stars of heaven. The colors are usually shown with the outline of the symbol, the rays and the stars in gold; the background a heavenly blue; the palms green; the crown, gold and the jewels in it, red.

We Dedicate this Anniversary Booklet and all of our Anniversary Observances

TO THE GLORY OF GOD Who had done "exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think accordingly to the power that worketh in us, THEREFORE, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Ephesians 3:20, 21

**AND TO THE FAITHFUL,
GOD-GIFTED PEOPLE**

Pastors and pioneer men and women - our founders, our builders, our laborers, who through seventy-five years of our congregation's history have lived with us, worked with us, worshipped with us, and who through faith in Jesus Christ have finished their course here on earth and have entered the Church Triumphant.

OUR FOUNDERS who by the grace of God had FAITH and a pioneer courage to begin in our midst the preaching, teaching, and hearing of the Word.

OUR BUILDERS in building of His Church had HOPE and confidence that He would continue to bless them in their humble endeavors for growth.

OUR LABORERS who had been motivated with TRUST in the Lord, looked forward with optimism and progressiveness, so that we may yet today remain steadfast in the Christian Doctrine and have the privilege on our 75th Anniversary to say, "The Lord has done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Psalm 126:3

PRAISE THY GOD, O ZION - Psalm 147:12

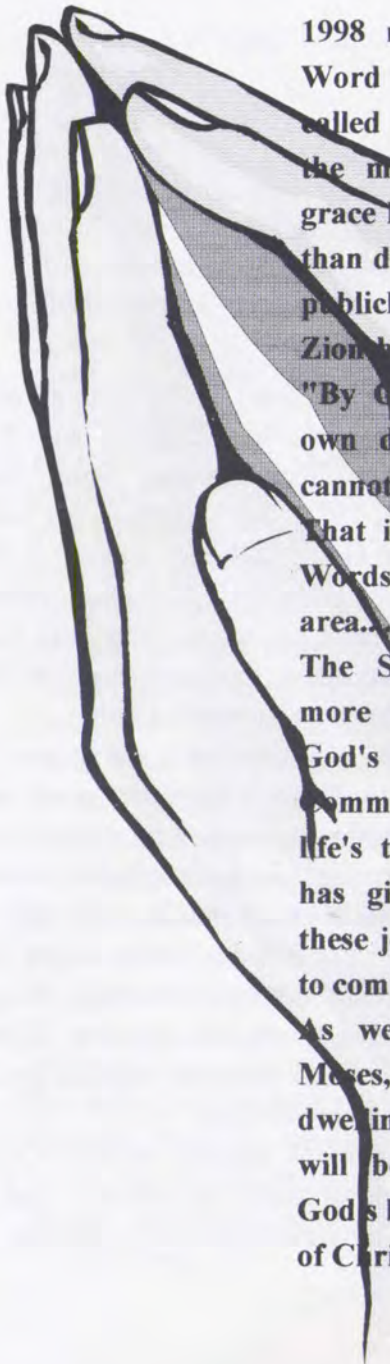
Our Anniversary Prayer

O Heavenly Father, Creator, Establisher and Provider of all things;

O Blessed Jesus, Redeemer, Friend, Savior and Lord;

O Holy Spirit, Sanctifier and Author of every good word and work;

We bless Thee, We glorify Thee, We give thanks to Thee for Thy great goodness!!!



1998 marks our 75th Anniversary as a congregation gathered around Word and Sacrament here at Zion. The 75th wedding anniversary is called the "Diamond Anniversary." Diamonds, of course, are among the most precious of stones. For 75 years, God, in His mercy and grace has given to the members of Zion something much more precious than diamonds. The Lord has given us the precious Word of salvation, publicly and faithfully proclaimed. For 75 years, God's people at Zion have been comforted by the precious words from God like these: "By grace you have been saved through faith; And this not of your own doing; It is the gift of God. It is not by works, so that you cannot boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9).

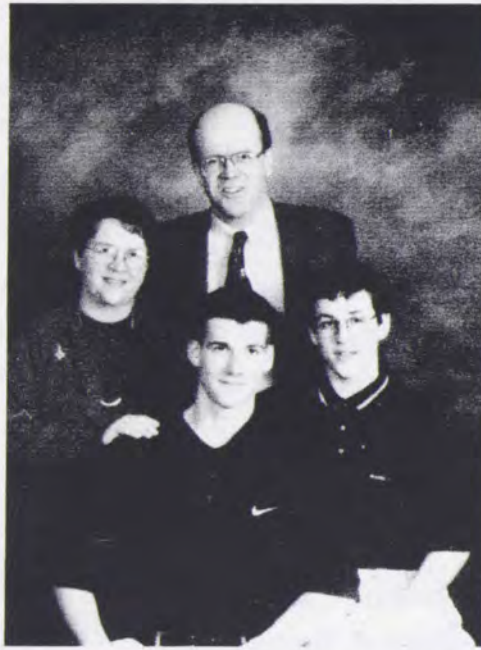
That is the precious Word of assurance that is ours in the Scriptures. Words like those have comforted our ancestors here in this area.....and they comfort us today.

The Sacraments, too, are God's gift which give us a hope more precious than diamonds. In Baptism, we are brought into God's family, rescued from sin, death, and Satan. In Holy Communion, we are forgiven and strengthened in our faith amid life's trials troubles. What precious jewels of hope and comfort God has given us for 75 years here! How blessed we are to know that these jewels of faith, the Word and the Sacraments, will continue to comfort and uplift us through all times, good and bad. As we celebrate our Diamond Anniversary, then, we say with Moses, the writer of the oldest Psalm: "Lord, You have been our dwelling place through all generations!" That is, was, and always will be our Lord's promise.

God's blessings to you as you celebrate the Diamond Jubilee Anniversary of Christ's grace among us here!

Pastor Dennis B. O'Neill

OUR PASTOR



Rev. Dennis and Janet O'Neill,
Tom and Brian

Pastor Dennis B. O'Neill was born December 10, 1953 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is the youngest of four boys born to Warren and LaVerne O'Neill.

He attended grade school and high school in Milwaukee, and began his preparation for the ministry by enrolling at Concordia College in St. Paul, Minnesota, in the fall of 1973. He graduated from Concordia in the spring of 1976. Upon graduation, he enrolled at Concordia Theological Seminary, which was then located in Springfield, Illinois.

In the fall of 1976, the Seminary relocated to Fort Wayne, Indiana. Pastor O'Neill graduated from the Seminary in the spring of 1980.

During his years as a student at the Seminary, he spent two summer vicarages at Faith Lutheran Church in Gering, Nebraska (1977 and 1978). His full vicarage was spent at First Lutheran Church in Missoula, Montana (1978-1979).

Upon graduating from the seminary, he received his first call into the ministry. From 1980 un-

til 1985, he served as Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Underwood, North Dakota, and Trinity Lutheran Church of Rural Hazen, North Dakota. In the spring of 1985, he accepted the call to serve as Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Breckenridge, Minnesota and Christ Lutheran Church of Wolverton, Minnesota. He served there until June of 1996, when he accepted the call to serve as Pastor here at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Pastor O'Neill is married to the former Janet Rutter, who, as a Pastor's daughter, grew up in North Dakota. They were married on November 26, 1977. Their marriage has been blessed with two sons. Tom is 18 as of the publication of this book, and Brian is 15. Pastor and his family enjoy camping and all sorts of outdoor activities. Tom and Brian are involved in sports and music at Ellendale High School, and Janet serves as organist and Sunday School teacher here at Zion.

Special areas of interest for Pastor's ministry include working with the elderly, and also with those who are developmentally disabled.

Historical Highlights

- 1881 - Dickey County was organized in August, county seat in Ellendale.
 - The founding of the City of Ellendale.
 - First telephone switchboard began operation.
- 1887 - Christ Lutheran Church, Albion Twp., of rural Ellendale organized.
- 1889 - November 2nd - North Dakota admitted to statehood.
- 1903 - St. Paul Lutheran Church of Monango organized.
- 1922 - November 18th - First sermon preached in Ellendale by the Rev. Paul L. Kluender, Pastor of Christ Lutheran, Albion Twp. of rural Ellendale. Service was held in the rented Presbyterian Church.
- 1923 - April 1st - Pastor Kluender preached his farewell sermon.
 - May 20 - The Rev. Theodore Klatt installed as Pastor of Zion. He also served Bethlehem - Forbes and lived in Forbes.
 - May 20- Zion Lutheran Church of Ellendale, North Dakota was organized.
 - Charter members were: George Banse, R. H. Trosin, Adolph Hiepler, Sr., Fred Kirschner, Jacob Schneck, John Kosel, Julius Olek, Henry Grubb, Ed Jeske, Christian Nishek, August Schultz, August Fetzer.
 - The first Chairman of the congregation was Mr. George Banse.
 - The first Elders were Frederich Kirschner and August Schultz.
 - The first secretary was Mr. Adolph Hiepler, Sr.
 - The first Treasurer was Mr. George Banse.
 - The first Confirmation Class: Victor Trosin, Rudolph Trosin, Marie Trosin, Edward Kosel, Emil Kosel, William Nishek, August Nishek, Martha Kirschner, Albert Kirschner, V. Ruckman.
- 1926 - January 3rd - The Sunday School was organized.
 - April 15th - Zion Ladies Aid officers elected were: President, Mrs. Julius (Elsie) Olek; Vice-President, Mrs. Kanopatske; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Adolph (Martha) Hiepler, Sr.
- 1927 - April 10th - Pastor Teske installed as pastor of Zion. He also served Forbes and continued to live in Forbes.
 - June 22-28 - Zion becomes a member of the Missouri Synod at District convention held at Binford near Hankinson. Mr. George Banse signed Synod's constitution in the name of the congregation.
 - August 29th - Pastor Teske preached his farewell sermon.
 - October 6th - Congregation buys Presbyterian Church and parsonage for \$2,750.
 - December 4th - Pastor W. E. Rohe installed as Pastor of Zion. He also served Christ - Albion and Bethlehem - Forbes.
 - First pastor of Zion to live in the parsonage at Ellendale.
- 1928 - Congregation received an organ as a gift from our Lutheran Church at Hankinson, ND
- 1929 - Nov. 17th - Newly purchased church dedicated.
- 1930 - The envelope offering system was introduced.
 - September 25th - Pastor Rohe preached his farewell sermon.
 - November 9th - Pastor Amandus F. Vomhof installed as Pastor of Zion. Also served Forbes, Albion, and Coldwater.
- 1933 - A new organ for the church was purchased.
 - May 21st - The 10th Anniversary of the congregation was celebrated.
- 1940 - January 30th - Pastor Vomhof preached his farewell sermon.

- 1941 - March 16th - The Rev. Edwin M. F. Jording installed as Pastor of Zion. He also served Christ - Albion.
- 1943 - The inside of the church was completely remodeled and redecorated.
- The Walther League was organized.
- 1946 - A basement was dug under the church and a new furnace was installed.
- 1947 - August 11th - At a parish meet, 21 Bible study groups were formed in the Ellendale-Albion parish.
- 1948 - January 1st - The congregation numbered 315 souls, 193 communicant members, 40 voting members. During the past 25 years 185 baptisms were performed, 134 were confirmed, 75 weddings were solemnized, and 39 Christian burials were given.
- June 6th - The 25th Anniversary of the organization of Zion Lutheran was celebrated with special services. Guest speakers were: The Rev. Herbert Teske and the Rev. A. F. Vomhof.
- 1950 - July 10th - Pastor Jording preached his farewell sermon.
- December 3rd - The Rev. Clemens H. Mehl installed as Pastor of Zion. He also served Christ - Albion. He was the first pastor not required to preach German.
- 1951 - January 14th - Congregation adopts resolution that a youth must have at least 2 years instruction in Luther's Catechism and be at least 13 years old. Also, adopted a resolution that the congregation should be ushered out.
- LLL was organized on March 16th with 24 members. Officers were: President, E. L. Kurth; Vice-President, Clarence Redlin; Sec., O. A. Finney; Treas., Leon Burroughs; Roll Call Membership Sec., Adam Rudolph; Program Chairman, L. E. Merrick.
- Zion Ladies Aid observed their 25th Anniversary on Sunday, April 22nd. Three Charter members were still living. They were: Mrs. Martha Hiepler, Mrs. Henry Schaller, Sr., and Mrs. George Banse
- "Acres for Christ" project carried out with Mr. Jacob Fey as captain. For two years, 155 acres of land were harvested. The seed and labor was donated.
- October 21st - A permanent building committee was elected: Chairman, John A. Gebhardt; Treasurer, Herbert Dathe; Henry Steinwand, Alex Steinwand, Ralph Redlin, Ed Maier, Jacob Fey, Adam Rudolph, Ed Kurth, Leon Burroughs, Fred Kalbus, Walter Hiepler and Max Beecher.
- 1952 - May - The Ladies Aid becomes a charter member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.
- December - A new Ladies Aid constitution was written and accepted.
- 1953 - April 18th - Two lots on which the new church was to be built were purchased from Harry Bjornstadt for \$2,500.
- March - A contract was drawn with Architect Gerald Beutow of St. Paul. Mr. Henry Heuther of Ashley was hired as contractor.
- May 7th - Voters meeting resolved, - "every male member of the congregation from 21 years old and up automatically becomes a voting member."
- June 7th - Ground breaking ceremonies for the new church were held.
- June - The Ladies Aid organized into four Circles.
- September 27th - Cornerstone services were held with the Rev. W. Cordts of Hankinson as guest speaker.
- 1954 - November 14th - Dedication Services of new church. The Rev. Edwin M. F. Jording and the Rev. A. F. Vomhof were the guest speakers.
- 1955 - May 30th to June 3rd - Zion Congregation was host to the state convention of the North Dakota District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

- 1956 - May 9 and 10 - Was host to the North Dakota District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention.
- December - Purchased new Allen organ, Model c-3, for \$6,150.00.
- 1957 - July 14th - Pastor Mehl preached his farewell sermon.
- Zion Walther League hosted the State Walther League District Convention at Zion in Ellendale.
 - October 20th - The Rev. John F. Bollman installed as Pastor of Zion. He also served Christ - Albion.
- 1958 - July 10th - Congregation authorized the purchase of a new individual communion set.
- August - The first laymen to assist pastor in the communion service: Adam Rudolph in the distribution of the host and Gottlieb Wiederrich assisting the pastor in the distribution of the wine by carrying and holding the individual communion trays.
 - October - Council passed a resolution to hire a church secretary for three afternoons per week to assist pastor.
- 1960 - October - Disbursed Flax Crop money as follows: \$1,700 to Building Fund; \$228 to Student Aid Fund.
- Began devotional and visitation program at the Ellendale Nursing Center and Golden Rule Home.
- 1962 - April 8 - Board of Education was instituted.
- 1963 - August 18th - Pastor Bollman preached his farewell sermon.
- 1964 - January - The LWML purchased carpeting for the chancel and a runner for the center aisle.
- January 26th - The Rev. Ronald W. Seitz installed as pastor of Zion. Also served Christ - Albion until its closing in the fall of 1965.
- 1965 - May - Members of congregation pave boulevard around the church. Total cost, \$1,227.
- July 30th - Authorized to purchase 1 cemetery lot with 8 graves.
- 1966 - January 28th - 12 families, 36 communicants, received into membership from Christ Lutheran, Albion Twp.
- Vicar John R. Rische installed July 31st. He served until August 13, 1967.
 - October 28th - Suggest two communion services per month.
- 1967 - January 27th - Six men named to building debt retirement committee: Calvin Dathe, Adam Rudolph, Robert Bymers, Charles Podoll, Lee Roeszler and Leon Burroughs. The church debt at the time was \$13,000.
- May 21st - Pastor Seitz preached his farewell sermon.
 - May - Pastor Allwardt requested to serve as vacancy pastor.
 - June 25th - The LWML celebrated its 25th Anniversary.
- 1968 - January - 693 baptized souls; 467 communicant members.
- January 28th - Special Mortgage Burning Thanksgiving Service.
 - March - Voters make decision for a new parsonage and sale of old one.
 - March - Five men were elected to serve on a new parsonage committee: Dr. E. Bolliger, Emil Retzlaff, Adam Rudolph, Carl Simmons and Alex Steinwand.
 - April - Old parsonage sold to Lail Woodward for \$8,000.
 - April 12th - Purchased house from Lynn Hausmann for parsonage. Paid \$23,000 plus assessments of \$2,733.
 - September 1st - The Rev. Theodore H. Vogel installed as Pastor of Zion.
- 1969 - March 2nd - Church "mailboxes" given to Zion Lutheran Church as a memorial.

- 1969 - May - Graduate Recognition and Youth Baccalaureate Sunday Worship Service.
 - All women of the congregation included in the membership of the LWML.
- 1970 - January 25th - Voters assembly meeting "Resolved that no items given as gifts or memorials to Zion Lutheran Church which are of a permanent nature shall bear the name of the donor or the person or family honored." "Resolved that a "Book of Memorials" be used, in which all gifts and memorials to Zion Lutheran Church be recorded for posterity. The "Book of Memorials" would list the donor, the item given, as well as the person or persons remembered."
 - August 16th - New automatic carillon installed.
 - October 25th - A Mission Fair Sunday was held, sponsored by Zion LWML.
- 1971 - July - Sale of the Church Bell - \$265.00.
- 1972 - LWML 50th Anniversary Banner Committee selected: Mrs. Floyd Engebrecht, Mrs. Ernest King, Mrs. Otto Roeszler, Mrs. Herman Tiegs, Mrs. Carl Simmons, Mrs. T. H. Vogel.
 July 9th - 50th Anniversary Committee selected: Chairman, William Dobler; Secretary, Mrs. Gottlieb Wiederrich, Mrs. Reinhold Fiechtner, Adam Rudolph, Victor Steinwand.
- 1973 - The 50TH Anniversary Year of Zion Lutheran Church, Ellendale, North Dakota
 May 20th - Founders Sunday - 50th Birthday-1923-1973. Speaker: The Rev. A. Reimnitz, Bismarck, ND (President of the North Dakota District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod).
 June 23rd - 50th Anniversary Youth Service, Saturday evening. Speaker: The Rev. John F. Bollman, Chicago, Illinois. Served Zion 1957-1963.
 June 24th-50th Anniversary Sunday Services. A.M. Worship Service of Thanksgiving and Praise. Speaker: The Rev. Edwin M. F. Jording, Bruce, WI. Served Zion 1941-1950. Potluck noon meal. P.M. Worship Service of Dedication and Reaffirmation. Speaker: The Rev. Clemens H. Mehl, Kansas City, MO. Served Zion 1950 - 1957.
- 1974 - January - AA - Al-Anon formed a group at Zion.
 June - Pastor Vogel was appointed Editor of ND Edition of Lutheran Witness.
 September - Marked 6 years of Rev. Vogel as our new spiritual leader.
 November 14th - 20th Anniversary of Dedication of Zion.
- 1975 - January - Our copier machine was purchased. Air conditioner and "Way to Emmaus" pictures were donated by members.
- 1976 - Portals of Prayer were purchased for each family at Zion. This practice is ongoing. New drapes in church parlor were purchased.
 April - Farewell was said to Pastor Vogel.
- 1977 - January 23rd - The Rev. Leo Deitemeyer installed as Pastor of Zion.
 March - OFAC group formed and traveling team came from Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
 November - Kneeling cushions donated. Transportation for the elderly initiated.
- 1978 - Confirmation classes changed from Saturdays to Wednesdays, after school.
 - 1st Anniversary of OFAC.
 - LLL float prepared
 - LWML Rally hosted at Zion
 - Amplifier and 3 new microphones donated.
 - July - Three year Confirmation program approved and Refresher Renewal started.
- 1979 - Pictorial Directory part of 25th Anniversary
 - New speakers installed.
 - Bible Fund started for Bibles in each pew.
 - "Glad Sounds" music group from St. Paul, MN, came and concert was presented.
 - New carpet for walls in basement.
 - Youth won 1st Prize with float in "Round-

- up Days" parade.
 - Overhead projector given.
 - July - \$25,000 Thank Offering was established.
 - Special Anniversary choir was formed.
 - New candelabra given in chancel. Got new paraments.
 - October 21st - Rev. Mehl and Rev. A. Reimnitz were guest speakers at Anniversary Celebration.
 - Special Thank Offering presented. Had special choir, presented pictorial directory, and new cover of Sunday bulletin introduced.
- 1980 - February 3rd - Lutheran Hour Rally in Jamestown. Zion supported financially, and with people and choir.
- May - Forward in Remembrance Sunday part of a \$40,000 appeal.
- October 5th - Prayer Chain organized, and is still being carried on.
- November - Bibles for Brazil program started. Several new tables were given by Circles.
- 1981 - January 21st - The voters moved to purchase 1,000 personalized copies of the Gospel of St. John. Also approved of Zion's continuing support of the KDDR radio ministry. Also approved the purchase of church stationery with a new letterhead.
- January 28th - Stewardship Emphasis Sunday, included a Mission Festival, and a Mission Fair. Rev. Norm Sincebaugh was guest preacher.
- July 26th - Zion joins thousands of congregations in a special service thanking God for the way He moved His people to pour out their gifts in the Forward In Remembrance Appeal. Our records show: 98 families participating pledging \$48,753.00 to be contributed over the next three to five years.
- October 11th - Lutheran Hour 50th Anniversary special service.
- 1982 - April 14th - A new church spire, covered with copper replaces the old, wind-damaged spire.
- April 26th - Ceiling fans installed in the church.
- June 12 & 13 - Highlights of Zion's activities during Ellendale Centennial weekend - Sunday AM breakfast (335 served) and special services. Preachers for the day include: Rev. Norman Aman, Rev. Howard Jording, Rev. Raymond Pomplun. 519 worshippers at the service.
 - October 3rd - LWML Sunday special service commemorating its 40th Anniversary.
 - October 23 & 24 - Great Commission Convocation at Jamestown.
- 1983 - January 16th - Outdoor sign board installed.
- April 24th - New baptismal font used first time.
 - July 24th - 2nd octave of Schulmerich handbells purchased.
 - November 13th - "Martin Luther" musical drama presented to a record attendance by the three confirmation classes (grades 6,7,8)
 - November 20th - Zion celebrates 60th Anniversary of its organization with with special service - Rev. Henry Friedrich, Concordia, Jamestown, guest preacher.
- 1984 - February 19th - A new piano was given as a memorial gift.
- August 19th - New carpeting laid on the front steps of the church.
- 1985 - March 13th - Hymnal supply was upgraded by the purchase of 130 used hymnals.
- June 23rd - Pew cushions are installed.
 - October 18th - Fall Bible class at 32-plex gets underway.
 - October 31st - SOS Soap Gathering by 41 students of 132 pounds of soap.
 - November 17th - No Sunday service due to the Great Commission Convocation in Jamestown. 7 members from Zion participated. Theme of Convocation - "Alive In Christ - Share and Care".
 - December 18th - Zion is organized in involvement in Synod-wide effort "Alive In Christ" program.
- 1986 - March 2nd - A concert of Sacred Music was presented by various individuals and groups

of the congregation. The free will offering was donated to the LYF to help with expenses to the Youth Gathering at Washington, D.C.

- July 17th - 100th Birthday Party for Zion's oldest member - Mrs. Emma Buchholz.
- November 21st - Word was received from the District Commission on Constitution and District Board of Directors approving our recently revised Constitution and By-laws.
- December 9th - Zion hosts the Circuit Pastor's Conference.

1987 - January 11th - Senior handbell choir workshop at Valley City and participates in evening's concert.

- July 26th - Rev. Howard Jording is guest preacher for morning worship service - Lutheran Heritage Festival held at Christ Lutheran church site, Albion, with Rev. Clem Mehl serving as guest preacher.
- November 8th - Mission Festival Service with David Drevlow, LBT, as guest preacher. Noon potluck & slide presentation followed. \$897.00 was pledged for the support of LBT.
- November 15th - South Central circuit has its fall convocation hosted at Zion, Ellendale. Main presentation is entitled: "Caring and Keeping".

1988 - February 12th - LLL District Convention convenes in Ellendale at the Ranch Restaurant.

- February 13th - LLL Convention Sessions and evening banquet.
- February 14th - Special LLL District Convention worship service with Rev. Robert Pfau, ND District LLL advisor, as guest speaker.
- April 24th - LLL Spring Rally hosted by Zion.
- October 10th - Zion hosts the Zone LWML fall rally. Theme: "Joined In Love to Serve".

1989 - January 29th - A building study committee began a study considering the possibility of a building project focusing on facilities for physically handicapped people.

- October 15th - A Crop Walk planned by and for our community - a cooperative project of Ellendale churches in an effort to help the matter of world hunger.

1990 - January 21st - Door Offering collected for Ellendale Right to Life Chapter Pro-Life petition available for signing.

- February 18th - Lutheran Hour Sunday, we celebrate 60 years of Gospel proclamation. 40 padded chairs purchased for the church basement.
- June 15-17th - LWML District Convention hosted in Ellendale.
- November 11th - Worship Service Kickoff to our Open House, Rev. Norm Sincebaugh, guest preacher; Joint Open House Mission Rally - evening service, Rev. Norm Sincebaugh, guest preacher.
- November 12th - Open House Service, Rev. Norm Sincebaugh, guest preacher.
- November 13th - Open House Service, Rev. Toby Heller, guest preacher.

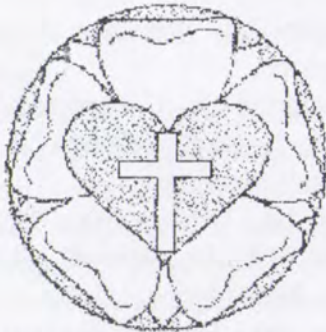
1991 - February 11th - Support Group formed for Desert Storm families and friends of Ellendale area.

- March 3rd - Lutheran Hour Sunday, 61 years.
- April 24th - Zone LLL Spring Rally, hosted by Zion at the Ranch Restaurant.
- September 8th - Celebration of Pastor Deitemeyer's 20 years in the ministry, guest preacher, Pastor Norm Sincebaugh, President of North Dakota District, LCMS.
- November 17th - Ribbon markers placed in Bibles and Hymnals.
- December 9th - South Central Circuit Pastors' Conference hosted at Zion, Ellendale.

- 1992 - January 5th - Open congregation meeting to hear presentation by the Organ Study Committee and Peggy Bartunek, sales representative of the Rodgers Organ Company.
- March 4th - New handrail on the south and southeast entrances to the church.
 - April 5th - Open congregation meeting, Building Committee report on proposed addition and independent access at church.
 - July 5th - Special Worship Service for Ellendale School Reunion weekend - Rev. Larry Veland, guest preacher.
 - July 16th - The church parking lot was blacktopped.
 - September 13th - Our Prayer Chains are re-organized and ready for prayer requests.
 - October 17th - Reshingled parsonage and installed new chimney.
- 1993 - March 7th - Open congregation and Voters' meeting, "Independent Access" Committee shares proposed plans and bids, granted approval for \$75,000 project.
- June 20th - Special Ground Breaking Service for new addition.
 - November 16-17 - New organ is installed.
 - November 25th - Thanksgiving Day Service SNOWED OUT!
 - December 25th - Living Nativity at the former Don Wilbur farm, two presentations, 6:30 and 7:30 PM.
- 1994 - January 16th - Sanctity of Human Life Service.
- February 13th - LWML Prayer Service - "Quilt Service".
 - March 27th - Installation of the elevator in the new addition.
 - April 17th - Dedication of the new organ during morning worship service. Dedicatory organ concert at 2:30 PM with Jonas Nordwall as guest organist.
 - May 8th - Circuit Pastor Conference.
 - July 24th - Outdoor Worship Service.
 - December 16th - Christmas Concert.
- 1995 - February 6th - Young Mothers' Circle was organized.
- February 12th - A high chair and quilt were donated for the children's room.
 - April 24th - LLL Spring Zone Banquet hosted by Zion.
 - July 9th - Wheelchair donated to the church.
 - July 30 - Outdoor Worship Service in the park.
 - October 29th - Pastor Deitemeyer preached his farewell sermon.
 - November 12th - Pastor Henry Friedrich began as interim pastor.
- 1996 - January 7th - Welcome to Pastor and Evelyn Friedrich.
- February 27th - Congregation met with President, Norm Sincebaugh at 7:00 PM for a pre-call meeting.
 - April 1st - Orphan Grain Train in Ellendale.
 - April 21st - Drevlows at Ellendale with evening presentation, "Liberia Missionaries".
 - June 16th - Farewell for Pastor and Evelyn Friedrich. Installation for Pastor O'Neill at 7:00 PM.
 - September 8th - 25th Anniversary of Pastor Deitemeyer's ordination at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Motevideo, Minnesota.
 - Men's weekly Bible class to be held at Nodak Cafe.
 - November 9th - 98 quilts were made from September 11th to October 30th. Wonderful job!
- 1997 - January - LCMS 150th Anniversary Celebration begins.
- February - Back to Basics offered again for new and present members.
 - March-April - Special Service and offerings to Celebration of Synod's 150th Anniversary. Donations went to both seminaries.
 - May - Special Flood Relief offerings for Fargo and Grand Forks, North Dakota.
 - Held discussion and study on whether to use Lutheran Worship or not.

1998 Highlights

- June - Dedication of new addition, sound system, and stained glass windows with Rev. Leo Deitemeyer guest speaker. Potluck and special afternoon service.
- July - Outdoor Worship in the Park.
- August - Special Rally / Education Sunday held. Nursery Sunday School room re-done.
- September- Dakota Boys Ranch Truck. Many new items donated by AAL for library.
- October - Zion youth went to Beckenridge, Minnesota to clean up after flood.
- December - Living Nativity performed.



Luther's Coat of Arms

- 1998 - January 18th - Sanctity of Life Service held.
- February 11th - 75th Anniversary Committee met to plan for the 75th Anniversary celebration in October.
- June 1st - New plants and landscaping around the church.
- June 28th - Christ - Albion memorial dedication ceremony of replica of church at the site where church once stood.
- July 19th - Annual Service in the Park.
- September 15th - Remodeling of the kitchen and painting and renovating of the basement.
- October 24th & 25th - 75th Anniversary Celebration. Saturday evening Open House. Sunday, morning worship service followed by dinner and Special Anniversary Service at 3:30 P.M.



75th Anniversary Committee - Pictured l to r

back row - Earl Redlin, Sharon Aman, Luella Grueneich, John Beckius, and Loretta Veland
front row - Pastor O'Neill, Cal Dathe, Myra Rada, Jeanette Robb-Ruenz, and Luella Voegeli

History of Zion Lutheran Church

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ellendale, North Dakota was organized May 20, 1923. The first chairman of the congregation was Mr. George Banse. He and a few other Lutherans in Ellendale had gone to the Rev. Paul L. Kluender of Albion Township with the request that he help them organize a Lutheran Church here.



The Rev. Paul L. Kluender
1922 — 1923

Pastor Kluender accordingly preached his first sermon in the rented Presbyterian Church in Ellendale on November 18, 1922. Later this same Presbyterian Church was purchased and served as our church until 1954. Soon after Pastor Kluender started to conduct services here, the congregation rented the Norwegian Lutheran Church in the south part of the city. Here services were held on week-days, since Pastor Kluender's Sunday schedules were too full to permit him to have services also in Ellendale on Sundays. Pastor Kluender was called to Melrose Park, Illinois in 1923. He preached his farewell sermon in Zion Church April 1, 1923 - on Easter Sunday.

Pastor Kluender had organized Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Forbes February 4, 1923. After Easter the Forbes congregation called Pastor Theodore Klatt from Kulm, North Dakota. Pastor Klatt then served the congregation in Ellendale, and organized the congregation May 20, 1923. He was installed in the rented Norwegian Lutheran Church by Pastor A.G.

Merkens of Leola, South Dakota.



CHARTER MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. George Banse - Mr. Ed. Jeske
Mr. Christian Nishek - Mr. Adolph Hiepler
Mr. Fred Kirshner - Mr. August Schultz
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Trosin - Mr. and Mrs. John Fetzer

The charter members of the congregation were: George Banse, R. H. Trosin, Adolph Hiepler, Sr. Fred Kirschner, Jacob Schneck, John Kosel, Julius Olek, Henry Grubb, Ed. Jeske, Christian Nishek, August Schultz, August Fetzer, and John Fetzer.



Mrs. George Banse

Of the original 13 founding fathers only the wife of George Banse is living and still affiliated with Zion today.



August Nishek

Only member of the first confirmation class in 1923 that is still affiliated with Zion 50 years later.

Some of these people had been members of Christ Lutheran Church, Albion Township, and received their release from that congregation to organize the church in Ellendale. An interesting experience is told of the Adolph Hiepler family.

One Sunday they were on their way to the Albion church in their Model T Ford, when a connecting rod burned out. Determined to go to church that Sunday morning, the boys pulled on their overalls, put in a new connecting rod which they had been carrying as a spare, filled the crankcase with oil, and continued on their way, arriving just in time to hear the pastor say "Amen" to his sermon.



The Rev. Theodore Klatt
1923 — 1924

The first Elders were Friedrich Kirschner and August Schultz. Mr. George Banse was the first Treasurer, and Mr. Adolph Hiepler, Sr. was the first Secretary. Mr. Hiepler served as secretary from the time of the founding of the congregation in 1923 to 1936, a total of 13 years. He passed to his eternal reward in 1938. The oil painting of Christ above the altar, as well as the crucifix in our first church were presented to the congregation as a memorial in memory of Mr. Hiepler. The oil painting now hangs in our new church in the entrance by the office.

All the minutes from the beginning till 1936 were recorded in the German language. On June 30, 1924 the congregation was incorporated as the "Deutsche Ev. Lutherische Zionsgemeinde". Later, in the year 1928, the name translated into the English language: "Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church." At first German services were conducted exclusively. But already in 1924 there were a few English services. The arrangement at that time was: one English and three German services a month, all of them in the afternoon. The collections from the English

services covered the rent of \$2.00 a month which was paid for the use of the Norwegian Lutheran Church.

On June 8, 1924 Pastor Klatt received his release from this parish and accepted the call to Sumner, Iowa, where he later died.

The congregation was now without a pastor for some time, but was served by Pastor John Brandt of Albion Township. On February 8, 1925 the Ellendale and Forbes congregations decided to call another pastor. The call went first to Rev. Arnold H. Grumm of Garrison, North Dakota: but he declined it. Then the call went to Rev. B. F. Cordes of Sidney, Montana. He also returned the call. Finally, the Forbes congregation alone called Pastor H. Teske, who accepted the call. Now Forbes had a pastor, but Ellendale did not. So, the Ellendale congregation asked Pastor J. Brandt of Albion Township to continue to serve as vacancy pastor. This he did with the help of Student E. H. Becker, who is now pastor at Salem, Oregon. Soon, however, Pastor Carl D. Eifert of Hecla, South Dakota was asked to help as vacancy pastor. In 1927 Students Becker and G. Hinck conducted the mid-week Lenten services in Ellendale. Student Hinck was the son of Pastor T. Hinck, first pastor at Albion, but at this time serving our church at Great Bend, ND.



The Rev. Herbert J. Teske
1927 - 1927

On March 20, 1927 the congregation called Pastor H. Teske from Forbes. Pastor Teske accepted the call and was installed in Ellendale on Palm Sunday, April 10, 1927 by Pastor Eifert. However, Pastor Teske still made his residence in Forbes. Zion Lutheran Church became a

member of the Missouri Synod in 1927. Mr. George Banse attended the District convention at Binford near Hankinson, North Dakota June 22-28, 1927 and signed Synod's constitution in the name of the congregation. Pastor Teske received a call to Bourdon, Missouri and was granted his release from Ellendale on August 29, 1927. He has now retired from the ministry and resides in St. Louis, Missouri.

On October 6, 1927 the congregation decided to buy the church and parsonage from the Presbyterian Church for \$2,750. Repairs to the extent of \$250 had to be made on the church; therefore the congregation, without any funds in its treasury whatsoever for the purpose of buying the property, borrowed \$3,000 from the District Church Extension Fund to take care of the matter. Mr. Paul Meyer, Treasurer of the District at that time was asked to come to Ellendale to draw up the proper papers. In the same year, the account was transferred from the District to the General Church Extension Fund of the Missouri Synod. The entire debt was paid off in the year 1945.



The Rev. W. E. Rohe
1927 - 1930

On October 23, 1927 the parish called Pastor W.E. Rohe from Tyler, North Dakota. He was the first Lutheran pastor to live in the parsonage at Ellendale. He was installed December 4, 1927 by Pastor Eifert. In December of 1927 Ellendale, Albion and Forbes formed one parish. Pastor Rohe served his congregations faithfully, often going from one place to the other on horseback. It is said that on one Sunday morning he arrived in Forbes at 8 o'clock, and then rested in a blacksmith shop there till his people came to services.



1st church 1922-1954
1st Parsonage 1927-1967

In 1928 the congregation received an organ as a gift from our Lutheran Church at Hankinson, North Dakota. In the same year the congregation received the altar from our Church in Waterloo, Iowa, and a pulpit from our Church in Aberdeen, South Dakota. In the same year there was discussion about digging a basement for the church. It was decided that the members would do the work themselves, and would meet on a specified day. Whoever could not help with the work was to pay 50 cents an hour for the time required to complete the project. However, nothing was done until 1946, when a full basement was built under the church. The Ladies Aid rendered valuable service in furnishing and decorating the basement. The recitation benches in the basement were a gift of the local State Normal and Industrial College.

On February 28, 1929 it was decided to paint the church and the parsonage. On June 6, 1929 a cement sidewalk was laid from the church, and another from the parsonage to the city sidewalk. The newly purchased church was dedicated November 17, 1929. Speakers for the occasion were the Rev. C. Eifert, German; the Rev. H. VonGemmingen, German; the Rev. J. E. Timian, English. The envelope system was introduced in 1930. In the same year Pastor Rohe received a call to Albany, Minnesota. He was given his release in a meeting held September 25, 1930. Later he died at Popple Creek, Minnesota. When Pastor Teske left Forbes in 1927, Pastor Rohe also served that congregation till 1930. When Pastor Rohe left, the Albion congregation became self-supporting and called its own pastor, the Rev. H. E. Wians.



The Rev. A. F. Vomhof
1930 - 1941

Pastor A. F. Vomhof was then called by the Ellendale and Forbes congregations in the fall of 1930. He came from Gwinner, North Dakota. The tenth anniversary of the Ellendale congregation was celebrated May 21, 1933. Speakers for the occasion were the Rev. J. P. Klausler of Hankinson, North Dakota and the Rev. C. Eifert of rural Hecla, South Dakota.

The office of Finance Secretary was called into being in 1933, and Walter Hiepler was elected as the first to fill the office. From 1927-1932 two German and two English services a month were held in Ellendale. The German services were held in the morning and the English services in the evening. But by 1938 English services were held every Sunday morning with a second morning service in German twice a month. In 1936 the congregation bought a new organ. A Pulpit Bible was given the congregation by Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Merrick in remembrance of the day of Confirmation of their daughter, Lois.

In 1936, after Pastor Wians had been called away from Albion, Pastor Vomhof began to serve also this congregation as vacancy pastor. Soon, however, he was called as regular pastor, and continued to serve Ellendale, Forbes, Coldwater and Albion. He received assistance from a number of candidates while he served this parish, among them M. W. Vomhof, Reinhold Arndt, Walter Streicher, D. R. Boernke, Walter Biel, and Alvin Mack. Pastor Vomhof personally paid the salaries for the first two candidates and gave them free room and board in the parsonage. The next two received \$17.50 a month while Pastor Vomhof paid the balance of their salaries, room and board. The last two received a small salary from the

congregations, while the major portion of their salary came from Synod's Candidate Fund. In 1939 the parishes were again rearranged: Forbes and Coldwater forming one parish, and Albion and Ellendale another parish. Pastor Harold Braun was called to serve the Forbes-Coldwater parish: and Pastor Vomhof continued to serve the Ellendale-Albion parish.

In 1940 after 10 years of faithful service, Pastor Vomhof accepted a call to Lester Prairie, Minnesota. He preached his farewell sermon January 30, 1941. He passed away in 1965.



The Rev. Edwin M. F. Jording
1941-1950

Pastor J. Meyer of Monango served a short time as vacancy pastor until the Rev. Edwin M. F. Jording was called from McClusky, North Dakota. He was installed March 16, 1941 as pastor of the two churches in Albion Township and Ellendale by the Rev. J. Meyer. He preached his first sermon here March 23, 1941.

In 1942 a fire started in the parsonage, however, the city fire department was able to extinguish it before too much damage was done. Nevertheless, the congregation had to rebuild the back porch and pantry, and redecorate the entire parsonage after the fire. In 1941 the entire parsonage had been remodeled on the inside, and a full basement had been built. In the spring of 1943 inside of the church was completely redecorated. "Nu-wood" was used to cover the ceiling and walls, two small arches were built on either side of the main altar arch, and both the church and the parsonage were painted on the outside. The work cost the congregation about

\$900. In addition the Ladies Aid had four new light fixtures put into the church at a cost of \$75. The pews were completely altered, so that the church had a center aisle, instead of a double aisle.

In July of 1945 Pastor Jording declined a call to Holland, Minnesota and in December of the same year he declined a call to Popple Creek, Minnesota. When, in 1946 the congregation dug the basement under the church, a new furnace was also installed. This work was not completed till the spring of 1947.

On November 17, 1946 Pastor Jording preached the first sermon at Barnard, South Dakota. On April 27, 1947 this small congregation was organized as Zion Lutheran Church.

On July 20, 1947 our Zion congregation received a Baptismal Font from Trinity Lutheran Church at Steen, Minnesota. The Sunday School paid for the transportation of the Baptismal Font to Ellendale.

At a parish meeting held in our Zion church August 11, 1947, twenty-one Bible study groups were formed in the Ellendale-Albion parish. A "Key" family was appointed by each of the 21 groups once every two weeks. The "Key" family met with the five families in its group for a discussion of the Bible lesson studied. The pastor met with the "Key" families, and also with one or two of the family groups each time.

At a quarterly voters meeting on October 2, 1949 it was resolved to start a building fund for a new church.

After 9 years of faithful service, Pastor Jording accepted a call to Beemer, Nebraska and preached his farewell sermon at Zion on July 10, 1950. The Rev. W. A. Busse of Bethlehem Forbes then served as vacancy pastor.

On January 1, 1948 the congregation numbered 315 souls. 193 communicant members, 40 voting members. During the first 25 years (1922-1947) 185 baptisms were performed, 134 were confirmed, 75 weddings were solemnized, and 39 Christian burials were given.

On November 23, 1950 plans were presented and accepted to farm 155 acres as "Acres for Christ", the proceeds to be added to the new church building fund.



The Rev. Clemens H. Mehl
1950-1957

In August of 1950 a call was issued to the Rev. Clemens H. Mehl of Wimbledon, ND. He declined the call due to the requirement in the call to preach German. The congregation on receiving back the call voted to eliminate the German from their service and chose to call Pastor Mehl the second time. This time Pastor Mehl accepted, and was installed as Pastor of Zion on December 3, 1950.

On October 21, 1951 a permanent building committee was elected.

During 1951 and 1952 the "Acres for Christ" project was carried out with Mr. Jacob Fey as captain. The grain harvested was sold and the proceeds given to the Building Fund. The seed and labor were all donated.

A contract was drawn with Architect Gerald Buetow, St. Paul, in March, 1953. In the spring of 1953 (April 18th) two lots were purchased from Harry Bjornstad for \$2,500. Henry Heuther of Ashley, ND was hired as contractor to build the church at an estimated cost of \$125,000.

After Mission Festival services, on June 7, 1953, the congregation gathered on the new building site for Ground Breaking ceremonies, led by Pastor Mehl. Each member of the building committee turned over a shovel of ground marking the beginning of the new church. Excavating with a bull dozer, volunteered labor by church members began on June 15, 1953. On several days volunteers poured concrete to form the basement walls. The LWML circles served dinner to the workers on those occasions.

On September 27, 1953, a cornerstone service was held with the Rev. W. Cordts of Hankinson, President of the North Dakota District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, as guest speaker. Several items were placed in the cornerstone by various members of the congregation. The items were: The Holy Bible, hymnbook, Luther's Catechism, the Church's Constitution, the history of the church including a list of the officers and members, a copy of the Dickey County Leader, a copy of the Lutheran Witness and a list of members and officers of all church organizations.

The last services in the old church were held on April 11, 1954 and from April 16 of that year (Good Friday), services were conducted in the church parlors of the new building.



Zion Lutheran Church

One of the greatest days in the history of Zion Lutheran congregation came November 14, 1954 when dedication services were observed with two former pastors, the Rev. Edwin M. F. Jording and the Rev. A. F. Vomhof, as guest speakers. The estimated attendance at the dedication services was between 2,500, and 3,000. The women of the church had purchased a 900-pound steer with which they served dinner to approximately 1,200 following the morning service.

Our Zion Lutheran Church, located at the corner of 2nd Ave. and 2nd St. S., stands as a monument to the vision and untiring effort of the entire congregation, but particularly of the 11-man building committee and the pastor, the Rev. Clemens H. Mehl.

Members of the building committee were John A. Gebhardt, chairman; Alex and Henry Steinwand, Ralph Redlin, Herbert Dathe, Max Beecher, Fred Kalbus, Adam Rudolf, Leon Burroughs, Jacob Fey and Walter Hiepler, the latter becoming a member when E. L. Kurth left the city. Earl Redlin as chairman of the congregation was an ex-officio member of the committee.

First monthly and later nightly meetings became the pattern as the tempo of planning and eventual construction quickened.

From the committee, the responsibility filtered down to other members of the congregation who did a large percentage of the actual work. Pastor Mehl said it was difficult to estimate the actual percentage of the donated labor, but the contractor, Henry Heuther of Ashely, calculated the saving in money between \$40 and \$50,000. Actual construction of the building is estimated at \$150,000.

The architect for the structure was Gerald Buetow of St. Paul, whose father Max was one of the designers of the present Dickey county court house. George White of Aberdeen supervised the interior decoration and Bob Lee of Jamestown was in charge of the bricklaying.

The building itself represents the best functional modernism linked with more traditional church architecture.

As one approaches the front entrance of the church - his attention is immediately drawn to the redwood cross above the entrance. Below the cross and over the entrance carved deeply out of redwood - are the words - PRAISE THY GOD, O ZION. - Ps. 147:12b

On the left side of the front entrance we note three symbols: **A CROSS**, (This is a "Latin Cross" and is also known as the "Plain Cross". It symbolizes redemption.), here symbolizing Christian FAITH. **AN ANCHOR CROSS**. (This is a combination of the Latin Cross and an anchor. It originated with the early Christians in the Catacombs and probably has for its basis Hebrews 6: 18,19. It is the symbol of Christian HOPE. **A HEART**. (The heart has ever been regarded as the center of the impulse to aid those in need.) It symbolizes Christian Charity or Love, taken from 1 Cor. 13:13; 1 Cor. 16:4; and 1 Peter 4:8.

On the right side of the front entrance are also three symbols, that of the Holy Trinity: **God the Father** - the symbol, is the creating, blessing **HAND OF GOD**- with only the thumb and the first two fingers extended, suggests the words of the psalmist (98:1): "His right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory." **God the Son** - the symbol is the Lamb of God (Agnus Dei),

THE LAMB STANDING, no longer wounded, bears a long, very slender cross, suggesting the victorious nature of His sacrifice. **God the Holy Ghost** - **THE DOVE** is the symbol of the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:10). The dove, depicted with a three-rayed numbus, is in a descending position to recall the day of Pentecost (Acts 2).

Double doors at the front entrance (south) open into the narthex or entryway with steps leading up to the main level of the nave. The narthex, in turn, opens into the nave through a second set of double doors, flanked by windows which can be opened. (50 people could be seated in the narthex) in case an over-flow crowd should have to be seated there.

One of the most striking items of construction are the huge, laminated-wood arches, which rise directly from the floor to the apex of the ceiling, supporting the roof in a manner which places almost no weight on the side walls. The space between the arches and walls on the inside of the building form side aisles in the nave. A third aisle is formed between pews down the center.

Another unique feature of the main-floor construction is the manner in which staggered windows on the north end of the church permit the chancel and altar to be illuminated by outside light without making the source of the light visible from the main floor of the nave.

A large oak cross, 14 by 6½ feet in size, is suspended over the eight foot angle shaped oak altar, flanked by wrought iron 7 light candelabra, and the communion rail (wrought iron symbols of wheat and grapes in communion rail, refer to the wheat for the bread and to the grapes for the wine) form the base of the altar triangle, with the pulpit and lectern located on either side near the rail.

The front panel of the oak pulpit has carved in it the symbol for ZION. It is also the symbol for heaven and eternity. The heavenly Zion, the

final abode of the Redeemed, is symbolized by the crown of glory, to be given to the victors, the palms of victory, and the stars of heaven, symbolic of the fact that the righteous shall shine as the stars forever and ever (Is. 4:2,3).

A wrought iron symbol of **THE HOLY TRINITY** is fastened to the front of the lectern. This is a symbol for God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. They are represented as being equal parts of a triangle whose sides are all equal. As the triangle would be incomplete without one side, so the Holy Trinity is incomplete unless we worship all Three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The baptismal font stands at the entrance of the chancel, because a child by Baptism is received into the Holy Christian Church. The symbol of the Holy Spirit is carved on the two front sides of the font in the forms of doves, signifying baptismal regeneration.

A work room and library is to the west of the nave toward the front of the church and a working sacristy leads to the pastor's study which is located in the east wing of the church.

The choir loft is located at the rear of the nave in the form of a balcony, which will seat about 75 persons. The console of the Allen organ is in the balcony. The organ was purchased in December 1956 at a cost of \$6,150.00. The organ was dedicated during a special service on March 24, 1957. Professor T. A. Beck of Concordia Teachers College of Seward, Nebraska was the guest organist. The nave of the church will seat approximately 415. The nave, balcony, narthex and library room off the nave will seat about 550.

The ceiling of the nave is a pre-finished wood paneling, while all other woodwork in the building has been done in oak with varying finishes. The double-paned windows are of amber glass at the ends and of rose colored glass on the sides.



Zion Church parlors

The church parlors of the church consists of a large 29 by 70 foot auditorium with a stage at the south end, a kitchen, boiler room and six Sunday school rooms.

The Sunday school rooms line the west side of the church parlors and resemble broadcasting studios with glass-paneled doors, picture windows and acoustic tile ceilings. Acoustic tile, lines the ceilings of the entire building, with the exception of the nave. The Sunday school rooms are also equipped with combination cork and chalk boards.

The oil-fired furnace, located off one of the Sunday school rooms, is a hotwater system which heats the church parlors via low velocity warm air circulation and the nave by baseboard radiation.

The spacious kitchen at the north end of the church parlors features large serving doors opening into the kitchen, plus a similar return door opposite a large double sink. Twelve wall-mounted cabinets, equipped with sliding racks, provide storage for dishes and utensils, and accompanying counters yield ample working space.

The kitchen is equipped with 2 electric stoves, a refrigerator and deep freeze. Numerous convenience outlets will allow for addition of other small appliances if necessary.

The rest rooms are located near the foot of the stairs on the east side of the church parlors.

The floors throughout the structure are covered with asphalt tile in various colors to match the surrounding decor. The church parlors have a gray and green mottled color and has several shuffleboards molded into the design.

The stage at the south end of the church parlors has several spotlights focused on it from various angles, as does the chancel in the church. With the exception of the nave, lighting through the building is of the instant-starting fluorescent light. Semi-indirect incandescent fixtures illuminate the nave.

The church is 118 feet long, 42 feet wide, and 74 feet at the crossing, when including the work-room on the west side and the pastor's study on the east.

The 7½x7½ ft. tower, topped by a foot spire, rises upward to 50 feet. It is capped with a Plain cross overlaid with copper, which silently remains all who are attracted to it that Christ and His cross are proclaimed in this edifice.

-PRAISE THY GOD, O ZION-

With the spacious facilities of a new church, 1955 was the year that Zion was host to the State Convention of the North Dakota District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

In 1956 Zion LWML was host to the North Dakota District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention.

After 6½ years of faithful service, Pastor Mehl requested and received a peaceful release to accept a call to Peace Lutheran Church of Kansas City, Mo.

Pastor Huber of Oakes was asked to serve as vacancy pastor. During the vacancy and under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Steinwand, Zion Walther League hosted the State Walther League District convention.



The Rev. John F. Bollmann
1957 - 1963

The Rev. John F. Bollmann of Kensal, ND was then called as pastor. He accepted the call and was installed as pastor of Zion Lutheran on October 20, 1957.

During his ministry at Zion he also served Christ Lutheran of Albion Twp. as pastor.

It was during the ministry of Pastor Bollmann that a new individual communion set was purchased; that laymen were used to assist the Pastor in the distribution of the Lord's Supper; the old church was sold; the Wednesday worship and visitation program was begun at the Rest Homes; The board of Elders was enlarged; and the Board Christian Education was instituted.

On August 18, 1963, Pastor Bollmann preached his farewell sermon, having accepted a call to become pastor of Nazareth Lutheran Church in Chicago, Illinois.

The Rev. Frank Wesselius of Bethlehem-Forbes was asked to be vacancy pastor.

It was during the month of January in 1964 that the LWML purchased the carpeting for the chancel and a runner for the center aisle of the church.



The Rev. Ronald W. Seitz
1964-1967

The Rev. Ronald W. Seitz of Kinnear-Dubois, Wyoming was called to be pastor of Zion. He was installed on January 26, 1964, by Pastor G. Giese. He also served Christ Albion until its closing in the fall of 1965.

During 1965 the congregation paved the boulevard around the church; accepted the new Concordia Pension and Welfare Plan; purchased a cemetery lot with 8 graves; and Pastor Seitz served St. Paul's Lutheran of Monango as vacancy pastor.

In 1966, 12 families, 36 communicants were received into membership from Christ-Albion; Vicar John Rische was installed and helped serve Monango and Ellendale until August 1967; two communion services a month, the 1st and 3rd Sunday, were begun.

In 1967 six men were named to a building debt retirement committee: Calvin Dathe, Adam Rudolf, Robert Bymers, Charles Podoll, Lee Roeszler and Leon Burroughs. The church debt at the time was \$13,000.00.

Pastor Seitz preached his farewell sermon on May 21st having accepted a call to Emmaus Lutheran Church in South Bend, Indiana.

The Rev. Theodore E. Allwardt, Sr., of St. John's-Oakes was asked to be the vacancy pastor.

During the vacancy of 15 months much was accomplished - the vacant lots west of the church were developed into a parking lot; the LWML observed its 25th anniversary; the Walther League conducted an Ambassadors for Christ program;



Mortgage Burning Thanksgiving Service

in a years time (January 1967 to January 1968) \$13,000.00 was raised to wipe out the debt of the church; a special Mortgage Burning Thanksgiving Service was held on January 28, 1968, the Rev. C. H. Mehl, was the guest speaker; five men were elected to serve on a new parsonage building committee: Dr. E. Bolliger, Emil Retzlaff, Adam Rudolf, Carl Simmons and Alex Steinwand; the old parsonage was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Woodward; the congregation purchased a house from Lynn Hausmann as its new parsonage.



New Parsonage

In April and May, calls 8, 9 and 10 were sent out - they all came back. On July 5th, the 11th call was sent to the Rev. Theodore H. Vogel, in Sisseton, S. Dak. On August 2nd, the prayers of Zion were answered when Pastor Vogel accepted the call. He was installed as the 10th pastor of Zion, on September 1st, by the Circuit Counselor, the Rev. Arnold L. Lueker of Zion-Edgeley.



The Rev. Theodore H. Vogel
1968 - 1973

The Rev. Theodore H. Vogel of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Sisseton, SD accepted Zion's call to be their pastor on August 2, 1968. He was installed on September 1, 1968 by the Circuit Counselor, the Rev. Arnold L. Lueker of Zion - Edgeley.

During his pastorage many changes and innovations in the work and worship were made. Thanksgiving eve as well as Thanksgiving Day worship services with the chancel decorated with fruits of the field; LWML Service of Prayer together with our congregations from Forbes, Albion, and Monango; a big help to distribute bulletins and church mail to the members of Zion is our system of "mailboxes", one for each family; the finance committee was reorganized with one committeeman responsible for some 40 - 50 communicants; a Graduation Recognition and Youth Baccalaureate Sunday Morning Worship Service for all High School and College graduates of Zion - this service has become most meaningful to our youth.

The voters assembly adopted "Guidelines for the Use of the Church Parlors"; all women of the congregation are included in the membership of the LWML and are encouraged to take an active part.

In 1970 the congregation resolved that no gift or memorial given should bear the name of the donor or the person honored. All gifts and memorials are to

be recorded in a "Book of Memorials"; a Lenten Cross was made from the previous year Christmas trees. A Tenebrae - "Service of Darkness" held with six laymen of the congregation delivering 6 of the meditations; a new automatic carillon was installed in our bell tower; the bell from our old church was sold in July 1967; one of the changes in our congregation's constitution is that the President and Vice-President are elected from the Board of Elders.

The year 1972 was a year of preparing for the 50th Anniversary of Zion - various committees were selected or appointed.

While at Zion Rev. Vogel helped to organize AA and Al-Anon groups in Ellendale. It was also at his urging that the first set of handbells were ordered.

In April 1976 he preached his farewell sermon having accepted a call to Zion Lutheran Church at Mitchell, SD. Since then he has served congregations in Hutchinson, MN, Pearsall, TX, Devine, TX, and San Antonio, TX. On August 3, 1997, Pastor Vogel was honored for 50 years of Holy Ministry at Immanuel Lutheran Church, San Antonio, where he is presently serving.

Pastor Tassler served as vacancy pastor until Rev. Leo Deitemeyer accepted the call to come to Zion.



The Rev. Leo R. and Eunice Deitemeyer,
Mary, Timothy, Matthew, and Christina
January, 1977 - October, 1995

Rev. Leo R. Deitemeyer was extended a call in the middle of November, 1976, at Trinity, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He, his wife Eunice, two sons, Timothy and Matthew, and baby daughter, Christina, moved to Ellendale, ND that winter. He was installed at Zion Ellendale in January, 1977, where he so faithfully served until October 29, 1995. While here at Zion, the Deitemeyers were blessed with a fourth child, a daughter, Mary, born in April of 1981.

During his ministry here at Zion, there were so many memorable events. In 1979, the congregation celebrated the 25th anniversary of its present church building, a beautiful place of worship built at a reasonable cost, since many hours of labor were donated by the members. As part of the 25th anniversary of the building, it was decided to establish a thankoffering fund which, over a three year period, would raise \$25,000. This money would eventually be used to make improvements on the existing church building. The money, invested in high-interest CD certificates, grew rather nicely over the next several years.

It was during this time discussion focused upon some effort to create an easy access to our church facilities for those physically limited. A ramp fund was eventually started which received special gifts, a couple bequests, memorial monies, and the like. This money, together with the thankoffering money, made it possible to add our new entrance on the east side of the church building.

This addition included a ground-level entry; a handicapped accessible bathroom; an elevator serving the ground-level entry, the basement, and the nave; a secretary's office; a basement classroom; and an "upper room" classroom. This proved to be a beautiful addition complementing an excellent church building and offering an easy access to our church for those physically limited. This addition was dedicated on June 22, 1997. Mertz Construction served as the general contractor for this project.

The old front doors had been peeling, rotting, and sagging. It was apparent that the time had come to replace them. A number of choices were considered. Finally some real "Lutheran" doors were agreed upon. These doors were made out of oak planking with a window featuring Luther's Coat of Arms superimposed over a cross. Mertz constructed the doors, and his wife prepared the beautiful stained glass windows. These doors were installed in the fall of 1988.

Music has played a major role in Zion's worship services. Its initial set of handbells was expanded to two octaves in 1983. Since that time, the congregation has regularly assembled a handbell choir which has not only played for worship services, but also for events in the community.

Increasing problems and service work on our old tube-model Allen organ led to the decision that a new organ was needed. A bequest of \$30,000 from the Hoermann family estate, as well as other generous

gifts, made it possible for the old organ to be replaced. The organists, a couple executive officers of the congregation, and the pastor spent time investigating new organs, as well as rebuilt pipe organs. Finally, the selection was made - a Rodgers combination electronic/pipe organ. This organ features the versatility of electronic technology and the authentic sounds of four ranks of pipes. After the balcony was refurbished with new thermopane / reflective glass windows, the new organ was installed. It was dedicated to the Lord's use on April 17, 1994. Its features make it one of the finest organs in the area.

Christian education remained a strong commitment during the past quarter century. The Board of Education, along with parents, discussed and agreed to adding a third year to our confirmation program (grades 6, 7, and 8). This three-year program was implemented in 1980.

In the fall of 1983 our confirmation classes prepared and presented a play entitled "Martin Luther." For ten weeks our LWML circles took turns serving Wednesday suppers to our confirmation students making it possible for them to remain for an hour's play practice each Wednesday.

A year or two later (1988), the confirmation classes prepared a second play portraying the life of Johann Sebastian Bach. Again, the circles assisted with the evening meals. A special thanks goes to Caroline Fiechtner who helped us learn the necessary German words, towns, and songs.

It was back in 1985 that a Friday afternoon Bible class, complete with coffee, was hosted in the community room of the 32-plex. This weekly class led by the pastor was well received by the rather large group of members residing in the apartments at that time, as well as by others who joined us for our study.

The years were not always friendly for the farmers. During the dry cycle of the "80's", it was often wondered why people would even attempt to farm the prairie "desert." The most severe year of the dry cycle came in 1988 - a real drought! That spring, farmers did their seeding in huge clouds of dust that often darkened the sky, reminiscent of the 30's. The moisture did not come that year, just hot, dry winds, day after day. A few who took their combines out to har-

est that year reaped less grain than what they had seeded in the spring. That year our Thanksgiving message was entitled: "Rejoicing in the Lord in the Hard Times," based on the text from Habakkuk 3:17 - 18. The sermon concluded with these words: "We've lost the crop. We may lose the herds. We may lose the farm. Why should we be thankful? We've still got the greatest resource of all - we've got our God. Let's rejoice in Him, even in the hard times!"

It was just before the harvest in one of those years in the early 1990's that a severe hail storm moved through the area, particularly south of Ellendale somewhere near the North Dakota/South Dakota border. It destroyed crops and damaged buildings for some ten families of our congregation. Again and again the Lord helped farmers climb out of these difficult times. Even in the midst of all these hard times, the Lord graciously sustained our church community.

The old entry to Zion bore an appropriate inscription for God's people here at Zion: "Praise Thy God, O Zion!", and it is still appropriate now on our 75th Anniversary.



Zion Lutheran Church Sunday School Program

Since the study of the Bible is a life-long endeavor for Christians, Zion Lutheran offers a Bible study group for all ages. We start with Pre-school through 8th Grade who meet on Sundays following worship service, beginning with a time for music and then proceeding to their individual classrooms. This group takes part in our worship service several times a year with group singing and bringing us a beautiful Christmas Service every year.



After Confirmation, the high school youth have their own study group. This is a fun group who spend times learning how Christian youth deal with all the pressures that are presented to them as they grow up. They meet in our "upper room" on Sundays following worship service and there are usually doughnuts available for snacks.

As adults, the Bible study continues as the Adult Bible Class. There is coffee and doughnuts following worship service and lots of good discussion. We often begin by discussing some of the past week's top news stories and how they might affect us, as Christians. Besides studies of various Biblical leaders and events, we often review other religions and cults and learn how to combat their efforts by strengthening our knowledge of the Bible and specifically, the teachings of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Come join us as we grow in Christ together.



LYF

The Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) is Zion's organization for the high school youth. They meet on Wednesdays twice a month during the school year. During this hour they hold devotions and discussions, and plan fund-raisers and activities. A fun activity is organized for each month.

One of the highlights for the LYF group has been to attend the LCMS national youth gatherings. These are held every 3 years. Our members have attended conventions in San Antonio, TX, Washington, D.C., Denver, CO, New Orleans, LA, and Atlanta, GA. Approximately 40,000 youth and counselors are in attendance each time.

As fund raisers the LYF serves brunches and dinners, have bake sales and cookie sales, holds car washes and sells Christmas cards.

Other activities the youth enjoy are camp-outs, hay-rides, roller-skating, bowling, and a Christmas party.

Each December the group decorates the church Christmas tree and the sanctuary. They also help with the ushering. As a youth group they try to become involved and serve Christ in many ways.

At present there are 25 members. The officers are: President - Tom O'Neill, Vice-President - Tim Beckius, Secretary - Heidi Trautmann, Treasurer - Amanda Maly, Advisor - Pastor O'Neill, Assistant - Sherry Maly.

May God bless and keep our youth as active Christians throughout their lives.



Vacation Bible School

One of the most exciting weeks which we experience every year at Zion is our week of Vacation Bible School. This is the one week out of the year our church bursts with activity - Bible lessons, devotions, songs, crafts, skits with puppets, videos, and recreation to name just a few of the varied and many things that are part of the week. Every year's Vacation Bible School continues that good tradition, buzzing with a lot of good learning activities for our boys and girls of pre-kindergarten age through 8th grade.

Our Vacation Bible School enrollment has succeeded in enrolling 100% of the eligible children of our congregation. We are also pleased to have a lot of guests join in our week of VBS.

Our closing activities for Vacation Bible School is combined with our Sunday morning worship service. Our students participate in the service through songs and class presentations.

Following the Sunday Service our Vacation Bible School students visit the Nursing Center and share some of their songs with the residents.

Church Library

The Church Library is located in the northwest transept of the church. There is a wide variety of materials available. There are books of fiction for adult readers as well as children. There are audio materials and many video tapes that can be checked out and viewed at home.

The library is divided into categories to facilitate use. Some sections include Bible study materials. These include a commentary, a concordance, and a Bible dictionary. Another is teaching aids. These include Teachers Guide and Student Guide to Bible classes, as well as materials that can be reproduced for use in Sunday School. Church History is another category. One of the more interesting items here is a pictorial history of the Building Project. Devotional material comprises another section.

As you can see there is a wide variety of materials available for all ages and interests in our Church Library.

Zion Ladies Aid - 1926-1952

Zion Lutheran Women's Missionary League - 1952-1998

Zion Lutheran Women's Missionary League is an active educational and service organization in the church. The mission of Zion LWML is to meet the spiritual need of each woman; to encourage, inspire and motivate everyone to use the unique gifts given by God, and to love one another as they serve.

The organization had its beginning as the Ladies Aid which was organized at the home of Mrs. E. A. Muske on April 15, 1926. The first officers were: President, Mrs. Julius Olek; Vice-President, Mrs. Kanopatski; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Adolph Hiepler, Sr. The collection at the first meeting amounted to \$3.75. On August 11, 1927 the Ladies Aid presented the congregation with Communion vessels. In 1948, 22 ladies were members of the Ladies Aid. This group of ladies has made many substantial donations towards liquidation of the church debt, installing light fixtures in the church, furnishing the altar rug, Communion vessels, and in general acting as handmaiden to the congregation.

In May 1952 the Ladies Aid became a member of the North Dakota District of the Lutheran Women's missionary League. A new constitution was written and accepted in December 1952. In June 1953 there was a reorganization into a Parent Aid with four circles.

In 1970 a new constitution and by-laws were drawn up and adapted. The name of the society was changed to "Zion Lutheran Women's Missionary League." All women who were communicant members of Zion Lutheran Church were now included in the membership of five circles.

At present there are six circles. Circle 6 is the Young Mother's Circle which was organized in January 1995. Each circle meets once a month for Bible study, business, fellowship, and lunch. All circle members are also members of the General Assembly which meets six times a year. Current officers of the General Assembly are: President, Sharon Aman; Vice-President, Lorraine Pahl; Secretary, Janet O'Neill; Treasurer, Luella Zinter.

The circles take turns serving funerals and other church events and visiting the nursing homes in Ellendale twice monthly for devotions. Each circle is also assigned some of the numerous projects of the LWML both locally and throughout the the world building the Kingdom of the Lord.



LWML - Missionary Service

One of the Mission Service projects that Lutheran Women are noted for is the Lutheran World Relief Support. Among these is quilting. We are proud of the quilts made by the women - about 250 each year. They are given to World Relief, Orphan Grain Train, and to our graduating Senior High School students.

Quilting begins in September, with a break for the holidays, and resumes in January for about 2 months. One day each week is dedicated to quilting. The fabric comes from donated items of clothing, etc. Thread is purchased with money that is donated.

Another Mission project is donated clothing and furniture to the Dakota Boys Ranch outlet store. One of their trucks is filled each year

when they pick up. The Orphan Grain Train also picks up clothing and other items to go into containers being sent to Russia and Africa.

In September, when the school supplies go on sale, the women of LWML purchase and donate these items to be placed in School Bags. The School Bags are sewn and filled, then sent to Lutheran World Relief for the children of the world. About 35 bags are filled each year. Other items such as health kits and layettes are also prepared and sent to LWR.

Without your help it would be impossible to complete all these projects. With your donations of material, time, and money - we may prayerfully continue this service to our fellow man.



Zion Lutheran Women's Missionary League - 1952-1998 - Quilters
Pictured from l to r - Loretta Veland, Lois Retzlaff, Elina Delzer, Myra Rada, Erna Golnitz, Luella Zinter, Wilma Raugutt, Verna Klipfel, and Carrie Fiechtner

Lutheran Laymen's League

The Zion Lutheran Laymen's League was organized March 16, 1951 under the leadership of Frank Fischer, Edgeley, President of the North Dakota District Lutheran Laymen's League, with Edwin Kurth as its first president. The objectives are, briefly, to encourage greater lay missionary activity, Christian stewardship and education, and to develop efficient church workers.

In 1952, 50% of the congregation was enrolled in the roll call membership drive. Activities sponsored by the LLL are: seminars, films, Lutheran Hour, Boys Ranch, tracts, vocal and instrumental groups. The membership in 1952 was 42.

Tables, coat racks, church signs were projects of the LLL. The book cases which houses the church library was built in 1955, and the steel cabinet for the Sunday School was presented in 1962.

Since September 30, 1967 the Zion LLL as a local club has been transferred to inactive status.

The South Central Zone hosted the State Convention in Ellendale in February 1988.

There are approximately 15 members who continue to sponsor the ministries and 8 individual donors who also support with special donations.

With the technology of the 90's the International LLL has been expanding its coverage world wide with many doors opening to be filled. The motto: "Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church" is a big challenge as the LLL tries to fill the great Commission of making disciples of all nations. Matthew 28:19-20

Aid Association for Lutherans Branch 1406

The AAL Branch 1406 at Zion Lutheran Church consists of approximately 230 members. The purpose of the branch is to participate in benevolent, educational and social activities that benefit themselves and/or others and also to take part in the corporate and insurance affairs of AAL by electing national directors. To be a member of a branch, you must have a certificate of membership in AAL, the largest fraternal society since 1958, providing fraternal benefits and financial security to Lutherans.

Some of the activities held throughout the year are monthly meetings, Confirmation Recognition, Just Say Thanks, bowling or card parties, various educational activities, hosting the Lenten Service coffee hours, and usually several Helping Hands Benefits that assist either specific people or *not-for-profit organizations in our church or community*. In times of need, our members are right there to help and their efforts are very much appreciated by the recipients. The branch encourages its members, both young and old to come and volunteer with us!



Bible Classes

Men's Breakfast Bible Class

At 6:45 A.M. on Tuesday mornings, a group of men from Zion can be found at the Nodak Cafe studying God's Word. Each Tuesday, this group meets with the Pastor to discuss portions of the Bible in which they have indicated interest. Since this Bible Study group began, we have studied topics such as the parables of Jesus; the Book of Revelation; Old Testament Heroes of the Faith; the Book of Job; and many other topics of interest.

This Bible class provides time for breakfast after Bible study, and it is a way for the men of the congregation to be "in the Word" before beginning the work day. Typically, between 5 and 10 men have attended this early morning opportunity for study of God's Word.

Bible Class at the 32-plex

Each Friday at 1:30 P.M., residents at the 32-plex gather with friends from town to study the Scriptures under the Pastor's direction. A one-hour time frame is used to introduce and discuss a wide range of Biblical books and topics. Through the years, this group has studied the Christmas and Easter stories in an in-depth manner. Other topics have included prayer, the Book of Genesis, the Epistle of Paul to the Romans, as well as various other social issues which are addressed in the Scriptures.

We at Zion thank the managers and residents of the "32-plex" for making it possible for 10 to 15 residents of that facility and from our community to study God's Word together. Truly, this Bible study opportunity has been a blessing to all concerned.



The Organ

The Rodgers combination electronic / pipe organ was purchased from Valley Music, Grafton, ND and installed in August, 1993. It was dedicated on April 17, 1994. Jonn Nordwall of the Rogers Organ Company was the organist.

The impetus for the purchase of this type of organ was provided by a gift of \$30,000 left to the church by Miss Anna Hoermann who specified that the money was to be used to purchase a pipe organ. Subsequently, the family allowed the money to be used to purchase the rank of pipes housed in the wind chest in the balcony of the church. The balance of the money was given by various donors with a major gift from Andrew Michaelis.

The organ can be played solely as a pipe organ, an electronic organ, or a combination of both pipes and electronic. The organ has four memories in which to stave registrations. Each memory can hold 20 different registrations at one time. In addition, the organ is equipped with a memory card that will allow an additional 640 pre-set registrations to be used. This card also allows an organist to use the same pre-set registrations on another Rodgers organ by simply inserting the card into that organ, thus eliminating the need to set registrations each time a piece is played on

another organ.

A MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) has been added to our organ which gives the added beauty of the life-like sounds of other musical instruments and sounds. The MIDI has a total of 317 different sounds and voices. Organists can pre-record music selections and store them on a 3 1/2" floppy computer disk for permanent retention and then play them back as needed. Pre-recorded disks can also be purchased. Organists can use up to 15 different sounds on one recording by recording the same piece 5 times. Each time the piece is recorded, different sounds are used and "layered" over the previous recording (s).

A metronome is also incorporated into the MIDI which allows musicians to practice using proper timing. All in all, our organ is a wonderful and exciting instrument and it is a great joy to be able to play it for the worship of our Lord and God.



The pipes for the organ atop the wind chest in the balcony.



Zion's Organists (l to r) - Marilyn Burow and Janet O'Neill



The Console of the Rodgers Combination Organ

Choir

Psalm 47:6-7

“Sing out your praises to our God, our King. Yea, sing your highest praises to our King, the King of all the earth. Sing thoughtful praises!”

The purpose of Zion's choir is to praise the Lord in song and to lead others to a deeper appreciation of the rich heritage of our church through song.

The first choir was organized during the time of Pastor Jording with Mrs. L. E. Merrick as the director. Earlier a small group of members sang as a choir during the time of Pastor Rohe and Pastor Vomhof's ministries.

Members of the first organized choir were: Wayne Merrick, Warren Merrick, Gladys Schmidt, Ella Steinwand, Christine Nelson, Dorothy Steinwand, Esther Schaller, Mable Schaller, and Celia Roeszler.

The following have served Zion as either Jr. or

Sr. Choir directors: Mrs. L. E. Merrick, Mrs. O. A. Finney, Mrs. Kermit Larson, Mrs. Earl Redlin, Barbara Redlin (Jr. Choir) and Mrs. Victor Steinwand. Mrs. Vic Steinwand is the current choir director and has served in that capacity for over 35 years.

During the late 70's Mrs. Steinwand organized the first Brass Quartet to accompany hymns during the festival seasons. The first members were: Sherry Maier, Mike Steinwand, Lonnie Bertsch and Victoria Steinwand. Since then different groups have performed under the direction of Mrs. Leo Deitemeyer, Mrs. Dennis O'Neill, Ron Smith and Mrs. Victor Steinwand.

Psalm 98:5

“Sing your praise accompanied by music from the harp. Let the cornet and trumpets shout! Make a joyful symphony before the Lord, the King!”



Choir Members - 1998

Front row (l to r) - Orpha Steinwand, director, Myra Rada, Della Pomplun, Holly Kosel, Michelle Kleppinger, Luella Zinter, and Ardina King

Middle row (l to r) - Connie Mueller, Barbara Heine, Debra Heine, Elsie Schock, Lorraine Pahl, and Jody Kosel

Back row (l to r) - Lou Ann Kaiser, Ken Retzlaff, John Beckius, Doug Pahl, and John Kaiser

Handbell Choir



Zion Handbell Choir - 1998

Front row (l to r) - Barbara Heine, Holly Kosel, Michelle Kleppinger, and Jeanette Robb-Ruenz
Back row (l to r) - Connie Mueller, Luella Zinter, Jodie Kosel, and Lorraine Pahl

“Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord, all the Lands...”,
 Psalm 100:1

The Zion Handbell Choir began in 1976 when one octave of Schulmerich handbells was purchased at the urging of Pastor Vogel. Mrs. Earl Redlin directed the Junior Choir's use of the fine instruments.

A second octave was added in 1983 with memorial money, bringing the number of bells to 25.

Two handbell choirs were organized - a Junior Choir consisting of students in grades 7 & 8, and a Senior Choir consisting of older students and adults. Each choir had 8 players and were under the direction of Ron Smith.

The choirs performed at regular church services, festival services, Christmas Concerts at the school and Community, and at the Nursing Center.

In 1987, the Senior Choir attended a handbell workshop at Valley City and participated in the concert that evening. They have also performed in the Community Christmas Concert with the Festival Choir, as well as with a harpist.

At present there is only the Senior Choir which practices at 8:00 P.M., Wednesdays. The director is Marilyn Burow. Two members, Della Pomplun and Jeanette Robb-Ruenz, have been ringers since the choir was organized.

Anyone is welcome to be a member of the group.

The Living Nativity

The “Living Nativity” depicts the birth of Jesus, in words and actions, as prophecied and presented in the Scriptures.

On December 25, 1993, members of Zion Lutheran Church of Ellendale presented for the first time, “The Living Nativity” in a barn at the former Don Wilbur farm south of the City. This tradition has been carried out since. Two performances are presented each time. The barn is usually inhabited by animals such as donkeys, goats, and cows with calves. Approximately 100 people from the community attended the first presentation.



Members of Zion's “Living Nativity” - 1997
Front row (l to r) - Ken Retzlaff, Loren Paul, and Dale Veland

Back row (l to r) - Holly Kosel, Sherry Maly, Joe Maly, and Pastor Dennis O'Neill

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Baptisms

1925 Raymond Fetzer	Renata Banick Arlene Schlosser Marvin Rall	Mrs. Frances Schneck Joan Kadell Charles Kadell Leroy Nishek Mrs. Charles Kadell Mrs. Ralph Kadell Jerome Nill	Linda Jording Gloria Ellis
1926 Adaline Fetzer Kenneth Muske	1934 Dorothe Schneck Bernice Kennedy Marvin Hiepler Ida Friedrich Bernice Kosel Edna Richter Caroll Vomhof Marvin Clausen Shirley Vick	1939 Elois Olson Eva Dathe Leland McClellan Janice Gulke Joan Hiepler Wilma Radke Marvin Radke	1942 Leland Nishek Judy Schlosser Allen Layton Virginia Vick DeLoy Hiepler Benjamin Crabtree Maxie Klaudt Phyllis Seyer Gary Seyer Lucille Dathe
1927 Dale Beecher Elmer Bonick			
1928 Roger Coburn Luella Rohe			
1929 Royle Banick Arvin Zinter Gustav Friedrich Kenneth Worner	1935 Arlene Stolle Darlene Stolle Melvin Hiepler Kenneth Coburn Darwin Coburn Eilene Becker Marvin Babcock Clark Heinbaugh Joanna Retzlaff	1940 Mrs. Alvin Radtke E. C. Fuller Lorraine Hiepler Evelyn Ellis Dale Hiepler Gale Hiepler Curtis Beglau Wayne Nishek Alice Kadell Marie Johnson Arthur Friedrich Shirley Bauer	1943 Irene Storm Sharon Anderson Phyllis Otterstetter Jacqueline Maier Donald Nishek Darlene Nishek Terry Fryslie Delores Otterstetter Delbert Otterstetter Melvin Otterstetter Patrick O'Brien
1930 Ilse Rosebrook Norma Fetzer Betty Jane Muske Betty Hiepler Edwin Friedrich Daniel Schneck	1936 Darlene Dathe Evelyn Kosel Esther Rittmiller Hilda Friedrich		
1931 Norman Bobbe Ilene Bobbe Caroline Hiepler Arthur Schlosser Donald Zinter	1937 Lavonne Nill Rose Fiechtner Edward Nishek Arvin Dathe James Hiepler	1941 Mrs. Hans Clausen Mrs. Albert Layton Lawrence Haberman Cyril Ellis Lucille Layton Patrick Ashmore Patricia Ashmore Darrell Vix Roma Vix Kenneth Vix Lillian Weidenbach Fay Neil Donald Kosel Ronald Hiepler Edwin Sand Ivan Sand	1944 Howard Kosel Frank Vantries James Vick Gerald Gulke Richard Hiepler Dorothy Otterstetter Gary Waltz Dorothea Hiepler
1932 Kenneth Trosin Elsie Friedrich Delores Trosin Marilyn Hiepler Shirley Kosel	1938 Virgil DeWald Viola Hiepler Gerald Grueneich Calvin Vick Kenneth Kosel Mary Bauer Marvin Bauer Emil Frederick		1945 Bonita Smith Marvin Schlosser Susan Crabtree Norman Dathe William Klatt Terry Steinwand Albert Nishek Gladys Haberman Donna Schaller
1933 Raymond Hiepler Melvina Hiepler Bertha Becker Ambert Babcock			

1946

Robert Babcock
 Richard Young
 Thomas Frysle
 Carol Kosel
 Mary Genter
 Richard Olson
 Leland Morlock
 Marion Hiepler
 Richard Ackerson
 Terrance Young
 Michael Adams
 Mrs. Irene Fey
 Lloyd Kolasch
 Karen Pomplun
 Delores Brandenburger
 James Brandenburger
 Patricia Brandenburger
 Sandra Brandenburger

1947

Frederick Fey
 Sylvia Kullnat
 Millie Otterstetter
 Goldie Olson
 Marcella Waltz
 John Williams
 Frederick Kalbus
 Robert Montgomery
 Ronald Montgomery
 Carroll Montgomery
 Allen Norstrom
 William Tveit
 Pamela Merrick
 Laurence Jozen
 Ralph Dathe
 Judy Veland

1948

Larry Vasvick
 Darlene Hiepler
 Linda Cameron
 Janet Blatter
 Harold Swatfager
 Darrell Otterstetter
 Barbara Otterstetter
 Karen Otterstetter
 Kenneth Otterstetter
 Kenneth Merkel
 Larry Veland
 Gary Rudolf
 Gene O'Brien
 Curtis Burow
 Bonnie Van Dyke
 Ruth Jording
 Michael Berg
 Sherry Zimmerle
 Gilbert Zimmerle
 Mrs. Lillian Blatter

Elmer Genter
 Jill DeYapp
 Ronald Kosel

1949

Richard Young
 William Nishek
 Louise Robb
 Sharon Robb
 Joyce Robb
 Daniel Rollo
 Lyle Robb
 Willard McClellan
 Pamela Bauer
 Donald Schmaal
 Neil Hermansen
 Michael Hermansen
 Randy Hermansen
 Janell Nitschke
 Ilona Carpenter
 Shiela Waltz
 Richard Fey
 Michael Jording
 Ramon Pomplun
 Richard Schaller
 Albert Blatter
 Maurice Huber
 Sharon Otterstetter
 Deanna Irion
 Cherryl Irion
 Laurel Rithmiller
 Rosemarie Otterstetter
 Steven Redlin
 Walter Swatfager

1950

Susan West
 Gayle Brandenburger
 Rickey Hermansen
 Judith Anderson
 Shirley Hiepler
 Willard Dathe
 Sandra Carlson
 Connie Veland
 Mark Kalbus
 Marlis Otterstetter
 Patricia Berg
 Susan Meachen
 Allen Otterstetter
 Gary Kullnat
 Duane Zundel
 DeRae Nishek
 Janice Nitschke
 James Redlin
 Doran Hiepler

1951

Susan Mehl
 Agnes Weiler

Glenn Zahn
 Virginia Blatter
 Richard Swatfager
 Drucilla Delzer
 Connie King
 Kirk Redlin
 Alan Bernhagen
 Judy Salo
 Donna Monteith
 Claudia Otterstetter
 Vicki Breitling
 Loren Merrick
 Steven Heitmann
 Kathleen Jenkins
 David Gehring
 Donald Dathe
 Gregory Steinwand

1952

Richard Okerlund
 James White
 Gary White
 Donald Hill
 Kenneth Zundel
 Alice Sand
 Gayle Anderson
 Viola Nell
 Lowell Klatt
 James White
 Bruce Stephens
 Jerome Gebhardt
 Janet Kurth
 Linda Swatfager
 Gregory Nishek
 David Rollo
 Jami Frysle
 Leslie Norstrom
 Debra Burow
 Mary Steinwand
 Ronnie Waltz
 Bruce Zahn
 Rayme Pomplun
 Kerry Voegeli
 Sheila Fuchs
 Sharon Nitschke
 Harlan Smith
 Delwin Delzer
 Vicky Bardell
 Ellis Nell
 Pamela Turner
 Robert Klatt
 Edwin Schlenker
 Mary Schlenker

1953

Kathryn Merrick
 Kathy Vasvick
 Arnold Otterstetter
 Jennifer Merrick

Stephen Mendenhall
 Debra Kosel
 Dwain Nell
 Barbara Kracke
 Robert Veland
 Lail Woodward
 Mrs. Lail Woodward
 Joanne Woodward
 Edwin Klatt
 Roy Hanson
 Harley Heitmann
 Elmer Schock
 Connie Juelke
 Elaine Gebhardt
 Pamela Olson
 David Fey
 Betty Otterstetter
 Robert Nishek
 Herbert Swatfager
 Steven Michaelis
 Shirley Ferber
 Barbara Gehrke
 Maureen Hansen
 Kenneth Dathe
 David Keller
 Mark Young
 Joan Davis
 Diane Ferber

1954

Sharon Biederstedt
 Thomas Mehl
 Nancy Breikreutz
 Keith Jenkins
 Grace Southmayd
 Dell Southmayd
 Michael Mitchell
 Keith Reule
 Craig Holte
 Gail Pomplun
 Richard Peyton
 Ernest Woodward
 Edward Turner
 Leo Townsend
 Luella Beecher
 Ralph Wallace
 James Mammel
 Tracy Hohl
 Katherine Wolff
 Scott Redlin
 LaPalma Gebhardt
 Virgil Otterstetter
 Rance Willey
 Steven Frysle
 Lou Ann Voegeli
 Jackie Vansickle

1955

David Hayenga
 Allen Swatfager
 Kenn Roehl
 Gregory Roehl
 James Roehl
 Joyce Oster
 Leona Radke
 Jack Hayenga
 Kenneth Vansickle
 Michael Griffin
 Ronald Watkins
 James Klatt
 Ernest L. King
 Twyla Raugutt
 Leslie Gebhardt
 Sandra Nishek
 Joyce Cotten
 Eleanor Meyer
 Sharon Meyer
 Deanna Tiegs
 Linda Bender
 Donna Young
 Margo Norstrom
 Susan Tiegs
 Wendy Zinter
 Walter Robb
 Dwain Nell
 Dale Robb
 Vicki Barton
 Michael Clausen
 Gail Klatt
 Barbara Haberman
 Susan Hill
 Susan Redlin
 Carla Mendenhall
 Michael Salo
 Charles Merrick
 Susan Frysleie

1956

Judith Bymers
 Kathryn Beecher
 Paul Swatfager
 Steven Wolff
 Annetta Fredrick
 Kevin Heinrich
 Alan Hayenga
 Steven Karjalainen
 Barbara Redlin
 Mary Merrick
 William Bernhagen
 Michael Steinwand
 Peggy Barton
 Michael Bender
 Evangeline Meyer
 Dwight Bollinger
 Terry Mitchell
 Kristie Tiegs

Kay Peldo
 James Fey
 Nancy Heinrich
 Craig Nell
 Peggy Gehring
 Twyla Ulmer
 Albert Ulmer
 Lu Anne Vasvick
 Toby Schlauch
 Rachele Schock
 Kevin Young

1957

Janell Bymers
 Craig Zinter
 Wesley Otterstetter
 Ronnie Rudolf
 Owen Raugutt
 Kirk Anderson
 Craig Anderson
 Kristi Woodward
 Bruce Mueller
 Victoria Steinwand
 Annabell Keller
 Gene Rost
 Rickey Heinrich
 Dorothy Swatfager
 Harold Beecher
 Gregory Peldo
 Elizabeth Ulmer
 Sherry Maier
 Joan Karjalainen
 Dale Ulrich
 William Wallace
 Greg Wallace
 Ralph Wallace
 Susan Wallace
 Richard Keller
 LeAnn Keller
 Sandra Schense

Timothy Wiederrich
 Vicki Bassingwaite
 Rita Redlin
 Carol Bernhagen
 Debra Tiegs

1958

Pamela Schock
 Gail Hagen
 Karen Lee
 Joan Bymers
 Darrick Ziebert
 Kim Reule
 Pamela Barton
 Joan Klatt
 Adam Bender
 Nancy Merrick
 Linda Otterstetter
 Arlyn Frederick

Cathy Stark
 Lori Woodward
 Lorrie Beecher
 Brent Nell
 Jennifer Steinwand
 Donald Hayenga
 David Clausen
 Dale Clausen
 Eric Bernhagen
 Linda Ziegler
 Dawn Wedell

1959

Kristi Hiepler
 McChyne Rall
 Connie Weltz
 Jacquelyn Halder
 Alice Rost
 Brian Peldo
 Connie Salo
 Wayne Wiederrich
 Loren Nishek
 Lori Nishek
 Reginal Provost
 Timothy Smith
 Robin Kilhn
 Pamela Veland
 Norman Veland
 Jackie Veland
 Dennis Ziebart
 Marci Woodward
 Alen Nell
 Robert Stucker
 Cheryl Peterson
 Allen Heinrich
 Steven Nicholson
 Brenda Klatt
 Jerome Fredrick

1960

Kay Reuhle
 Jimmy Schimke
 Timothy Schock
 Brian Zimmerman
 Glenn Kinzler
 Mrs. Dorothy Hatfield
 Raymond Barton
 Todd Breitreutz
 Kathryn Barton
 Duane Aman
 Doreen Voegeli
 Todd Steinwand
 Darcy Edwards
 Alison Bernhagen
 Edda Schense
 Mary Anderson
 Kristin Merrick
 Scott Weltz

Larry Ulmer
 Judie Robb
 Susan Bernhagen
 Jeffrey Dockweiler
 Joleen Pahl
 Julie Wilke
 Kevin Rada
 Jeffrey Clausen
 Jeffrey Heitmann
 Jerry Nishek
 Keith Peterson
 Jane Hagen
 Carol Umber
 Kris Biederstedt
 Steven Dobler
 Cheryl Ciebiera
 Ronald Schense

1961

Roger Salo
 Jon Heinrich
 Loren Dathe
 Marlys Steinwand
 Elizabeth Aman
 Donald King
 Eric Edwards
 Barbara Karjalainen
 Elaine Aman
 Kathy Kranda
 Bradley Schaller
 Marsha Heinrich
 Jeffrey Heinrich
 Kathy Heinrich
 Elizabeth Nicholson
 Steven Fode
 Kathleen Karjalainen
 Janice Meidinger
 Larry Hagen
 Brian Bymers

1962

Daniel Barton
 Lori Tiegs
 Sarah Merrick
 Richard Aman
 Leslie Merrick
 Mrs. Max Beecher
 Dean Frederick
 Todd Kosel
 Cheri Kosel
 Lynn Weltz
 David Edwards
 Amy Klatt
 Douglas Robb
 Kristie Stucker
 Daniel Anderson
 Thomas Halder
 Kirby Schnabel
 Colby Edwards

Jodi Schmidt
Curtis Metcalfe
William Metcalfe
David Smith
Dale Aman
Jamie Clausen
David Metcalfe

1963

Lori Pahl
Jeffrey Hagen
Ellsworth Eck
Roxane Dahl
Christopher Bender
Jerry Young
Tami Kolasch
Cyndra Johnson
Sandra Karjalainen
Lisa Voegeli
Tina Rada
Laurie Eck
Robert Pomplun
Sherry Bertsch
Carmen Kosel
Jeffrey Buchholz
David Barton

1964

Jay Frederick
Robert Seefried
Kimberly Seefried
James Robb
Ned Steinwand
Wayne Peterson
Robert Helwig
Lynne Gayman
Leland Gayman
Joel Young
Douglas Neil
Kimberly Nicholson
John Grueneich
Mark Dathe
Kari Hollan
Todd Beecher
Richard Karjalainen
Carol Schimke

1965

Ruth Freih
Edward Freih
Julie Freih
Robert Davis
Lisa Darby
Edna Darby
Kathryn Heitmann
Peggy Smith
Kathleen Hemmerling
Anthony Wedell
Susan Aman

Kenneth Heinrich
Bret Vie
Cheryl Hagen
Randy Steinwand
Ned Frederick
Paul Wedell
Holly Wolff
Terry Otterstetter
Adam Bender
Tamera Bender
Bradley Bender
Constance Bender
Lisa Buchholz

1966

Marlin Kiser
Elizabeth Kiser
Gail Dathe
Allan Kosel
Linda Paler
Wendy Stucker
Timothy Kolasch
Todd Edwards
Scott Gayman
Gerald Barton
Lisa Bertsch
Joan Aman
Jane Seitz

1967

Dawn Schaefer
Allison Steinwand
Dawn Ulmer
Derrin Wedell
Scott Young
Richard Voegeli
Dale Frederick
Russell Kosel
Kirby Robb
Harley Smith
Tina Larson
Joel Grueneich
Troy Olson
Jeffrey Barton
Bradley Gayman

1968

Vanessa Wedell
James Dockweiler
Jeffrey Ryan
Paul Smith
Teresa Netzer
Willis Netzer
Lorin Ammon
Ellen Gayman
Bryon Dathe
Gary Dathe
Kristine Davis

1969

OK Ja Bender
Kim Bender
Jodie Bender
Scott Auclair
Carrie Noess
Michelle Stevens
Melody Jans
Dale Davis
Allen Mueller
Mrs. Deborah Pomplun

1970

Darrin Kimball
Patrick Young
Steven Kinzler
Emma Hicks
Lisa Hiepler
Bobbi Burow
James Grueneich
Brent Kosel
Michelle Reimers
James Wedell
Donald Woehl
Allison Mueller
Christine Klipfel

1971

Pamela Kosel
Stacie Fiechtner
Iris Nishek
Tammy Oster
Heidi Ruff
Hope Gayman
Stuart Wedell
Holly Kosel
Shawn Ulmer
Melissa Pahl
Darcy Schaefer
Kimberly Smith
Darrin Ulmer

1972

John Klipfel
Christopher Rinas
Sandra Kusler
Corey Kusler
Laura Rutschke
Gregory Peyton
Kevin Kusler
Shaun Schlidge
Lynette Hiepler
Ryan Pomplun
Katherine Byron

1973

Kari Grueneich
Amy Breitreutz
Cary Ryberg
Douglas Pahl
Wendy Burow
Sheila Frederick
Bradley Nishek
Wonada Mittleider
Robin Mittleider
Chadwick Mittleider

1974

Sarah Wedell
Paulene Smith
Michael Richter
Christopher Kirmis
Holly Olson
David Mann
Kristi Grueneich
Scott Seefried
Chad Healy
Marcus Byron
Travis Kummer
Douglas Case

1975

Patrick Ulmer
James Tiegs
Crysta Rutschke
Kyle Rinas
Harlan Henningsen
Misty Davis
Paul Schlenker*

1976

Garrett Mittleider
Jerret Kummer
Ronica Case
Kerri Hiepler
Tracy Sheldon
Jesse Otterstetter
Amanda Nixon

1977

Brent Grueneich
Jason Smith
Christina Smith
Joseph Veland
Michael Pfeifer
James Sheldon
Melvin Rodgers*

1978

Kevin Hiepler
Scott Randall
Darren Frederick
Jennifer Husby
Nicholas Roehl

1979

Michael Zinter
Amy Beckius
Aaron Filbert
Jason Rattei

1980

Amy Maly
Preston Smith
Adam Sand
Crystal Bobbe
Jason Otterstetter
Tammy Breitag
Lindsey Veland
Leslie Bartley
Nicole Rattei
Darcy Gayman
Brock Grueneich

1981

Mary Deitemeyer
Ryan Husby
Amanda Maly
Timothy Beckius
Heidi Trautmann

1982

Nicole Mittleider
Kevin Bobbe
Bradley Retzlaff
Shane Bobbe
Nathan Young
Kayla Rattei
Christina Wiederrich
Jordan Sand
Ryan Ulmer

1983

Amber Bobbe
Mark Bobbe
Davis Catlette
Cassy Gayman
James Husby
Benjamin Iverson
Joselyn Jerke
Sarah Kaiser
Craig Karjalainen
Michelle Kleppinger
Jessica Klipfel
Jenny Redlin
Stacy Retzlaff
Travis Schock
David Werth

1984

Jesse Filbert
John Frenzel
Paula Frenzel
Paul Frenzel, Jr.
Vernon Frenzel
Joey Gemar
Courtney Jerke
Eric Michaelis
Kent Scallon
Bobbi Trautmann

1985

Keith Bobbe
Tanya Geffre
Kevin Husby
Seth Iverson
Amanda Kosel
Nicolas Ulmer

1986

Joseph Ackermann
Matthew Aman
Jesse Bowles
Jami Burrer
Ashley Carlson
Kurtis Gayman
Rebecca Hoots
Michael Kaiser
Dustin Klipfel
Andrea Koch
Jeremy Retzlaff
Trevor Ulmer

1987

Brian Barton
Gregory Fuher
Brandon Hokana
Timothy Scallon

1988

Trenton Kosel
Maren Sand
Abigail Carlson
Jesse Fuher

1989

Jonathan Barton
Trevor Hokana
Kieran Prabhu
Benjamin Cline
Michael Divine
Ashley Miller

1990

Alexander Kendall
Katelyn Geffre
Beau Voegeli

1991

Casey Adam
Colton Davis
Michael Redlin
Robert Trautmann*
Howie Youngman
Raquel Pavlicek
Taylor Divine
Cassandra Kendall
Devlin Reasy, Jr.
Amanda Barton

1992

Joyce Swatfager*
Tammy Reasy*
Mark Reasy*
Kelsey Mertz
Taylor Schumann
Stefani Heine

1993

Tyler Hokana
Samantha Zahn-Hiepler
Jacob Cline
Karman Furman*
Joy Furman*
Nicole Furman
Rebecca Furman
Taylor Reasy
Kayla Adam
Julia Wold
Brittany Barton
Cody Voegeli

1994

Austin Barton
Trevor Kosel
Brian Sumption

1995

Kiesen Pahl
Kayla Barton
Lindsey Reasy
Ty Ulmer
Joshua Weeks
Shayna Mertz

1996

Ethan Reasy
Evan Odde
Taylor Emery
Jordan Wold
Zachary Dathe

1997

Caylee Holmes
Hunter Wedell
Coy Colgate
Joshua Fox
Tristan Beckius
Emily Smith
Michael Barton

1998

Jordan Barton
Isaac Retzlaff
Isabel Wedell
Dylan Young



Confirmations

1923

Victor Trosin
Rudolph Trosin
Marie Trosin
Edward Kosel
Emil Kosel
William Nishek
August Nishek
Martha Kirschner
Albert Kirschner
V. Ruckman

1927

Ben Schneck
Elmer Witte
Emil Nishek
Marie Kirschner
Amelia Nishek

1928

Christine Fetzer

1929

Margaret Trosin
Viola Struck
Dorothea Hiepler
Marie Hiepler
Arthur Kirschner

1931

Esther Samel*
Mrs. John Banik*

1932

Raymond Struck
Harold Kracke
Elsie Quashnick
Esther Quashnick
Mrs. Gerhard Traetow*

1933

Endora Wiese
Harold Nishek
Esther Stern
Irmagard Banse
George Radtke
Richard Radtke
Regina Radtke
Renata Radtke
Rosa Radtke
LaMoine Sonnenberg
Alberta Sonnenberg

1936

Evelyn Wright
Mrs. August Nishek*

1937

Walter Vomhof
Erwin Stern
Edith Maunu
Virginia Beecher
Ruth Beecher
Dorothy Fetzer

1938

Lois Merrick
Hilda Quashnick
Irene Fuller
Lorraine Olson
Mrs. Frances Schneck*
Mrs. Charles Kadell*
Mrs. Ralph Kadell*

1939

Violet Schmitt
Helen Frederick
Edna Maier
Charles Merrick
Martin Steinwand

1940

Mr. E. C. Fuller*
Mrs. Max Beecher*
Mrs. Alvin Radtke*
Clarence Fey
Walter Gebhardt
Judith Gessner
Reinhold Quashnick

1941

Albert Layton*
Mrs. Albert Layton*
Mrs. Hans Clausen*
Lawrence Haberman*
Cyrel Ellis*
Harold Mayer*
Wilbert Mayer*
Virginia Reukauf
Kenneth Muske
Walter Steinwand

1942

Warren Merrick
Wayne Merrick
Oswald Barsten
Lawrence Gebhardt
Richard Steinwand
William Widvey
Marvin Nell
Ottillia Steinwand

1943

Esther Gebhardt
Victor Steinwand
Betty Muske
Wilton Barsten
Ramon Rime
Gladys Schmitt

1944

Isaac Vantries*
Mrs. Mabel Vantries*
Margaret Tuuri
Betty Hiepler
Lillie Mayer
Waymen Beecher

1945

James Mammel
Edwin Frederick
Gustav Frederick
Robert Frederick
Luella Maier
Celia Roeszler
Iver Nelson
Edgar Otterstetter
Violet Otterstetter
Helen Gebhardt
Dorothy Steinwand
Ellis Nill
Merle Noess
Helen Tuuri
Inga Barsten
Harold Beecher
Gilbert Kempf
Henry Frederick

1946

Mrs. Julia Frederick*
Howard Haberman*
Arthur Fryslie*
Mable Schaller
Marilyn Hiepler
Irma Kolasch
Elsie Frederick

Ella Steinwand
Shirley Kosel
Mable Otterstetter
Delores Provost
Marian Aman
Irene Fey*
Richard Young*

1947

Loretta Mintz
Melvina Hiepler
Howard Jording
Norman Aman
Goldie Olson*
Mrs. Abigail McClellan*
Mrs. Gladys Vick*

1948

Marvin Hiepler
Esther Schaller
Delores Brandenburger
Shirley Vick
Lillian Blatter*

1949

Mavis Aman
Victor Jording
Dell Nelson
Edgar Stern
Marvin Clausen
Calvin Dathe
Raymond Pomplun
Marion Zinter
Kenneth Kempf
Norman Stahlecker
Mary Robb
Constance Burow
Darlene Dathe
Bernice Kosel
Joyce Hermansen*
Naomi Burow*
Neil Hermansen*
Michael Hermansen*
Mildred Hermansen*
Alice Pomplun*
Ernest King*
Arthur Gehring*
Howard DeYapp*

1950

Harriet Schaller
Melvin Zinter
Harland Stahlecker
Marlene Schaller

* Adult Confirmation

Delyne Meidinger
Loretta Meidinger
Verdean Benderwald
Myrna Dockter*
Mildred Weitala*
Raymond Kullnat*

1951

Agnes Weiler*
Ida Weitala*
Christoph Zundel*
Mrs. Vera Michaelis*
Nadine Jury*
Jean Dobler*
Katherine Dobler*
Calvin Vick
Carolyn Zinter
Darlene Fey
Leona Schaller
Lorraine Pomplun
Edward Nishek
Viola Hiepler

1952

James White*
Mrs. Lila White*
Lowell Klatt*
Mrs. Viola Nell*
Mrs. Etta Smith*
Leonard Vasvick*
Mrs. Ruth Spitzer*
Mrs. Barbara DeYapp*
Betty Mae Salo*
Mrs. Doris Hill*
Shirley Hill*
Edwin Delzer*
Mrs. Elina Delzer*
Theodore Vick*
Evelyn Kosel*
Kenneth Kosel*
Robert Nell
Gordon Pomplun
Mrs. Elaine Hansen
Corrine Stephens
Dorothy Schaller
Richard Burow

1953

LeRoy Nishek
Patrick Ashmore
Patricia Ashmore
Robert Gohnitz
Eva Dathe
Sammuel Otterstetter*
Alvina Otterstetter*
Mrs. Johannah Otterstetter*
Edna Otterstetter*
Lail Woodward*

Mrs. Myrtle Woodward*
Joanne Woodward*
Roy Hanson*
Mrs. Gladys Hanson*
Mrs. Kathryn Merrick*
Mrs. Dolores Johnson*
Clayton Voegeli*
Harley Heitmann*
Edwin Klatt*
Delores Otterstetter*
Lyle Robb*
Albert Robb*
Keith Noess*
Wilma Radke*
James Brandenburger*
Martha Bender*
Elmer Schock*
Emery Hansen*
Claire Mitchell*
Floyd Young*

1954

Sharon Stahlecker
Luella Heinrich
Lorraine Hiepler
Patricia Brandenburger
Verella Biederstedt
Diane Wiederrich
Yvonne Hanson
Wayne Nishek
Gayle Hiepler
Dale Hiepler
Gary Townsend
Lynda Rall
Rosalie Schaller
Edna Bender
Ralph W. Wallace*
Mrs. Luella Beecher*
Edwin Davis*
Anna Mae Davis*
Leo Townsend*
Edward Turner*
Lorraine Nishek*
Marvin Radke*
Ernest Woodward*
Hilda Schlenker*
Merlyn Ashmore*
Robert Barton*
Alfred Hohl*

1955

John Vansickle*
Mrs. Nora Vansickle*
Mrs. Mary Ann Tiegs*
Marlene Zinter*
Mrs. Alice Klatt*
Mrs. Grace Ulmer*
Joseph Ulmer*

Orville Aune*
Mike Bender*
Jack Hayenga*
Ronald Watkins*
Donald Kosel*
Donna Caldwell*
Marvin Robb*
Lyle Robb*
Jacquelin Himmerich*
Dennis Mammel
Harry Scheuffele
Warren Wedell
Curtis Tiegs
Sally Bender
Janet Kempf
Sharon Spitzer
Sheila Haberman
Carol Pomplun
Leland Nishek
Shirley Steinwand
Faye Neil
Sharon Anderson
Eleanor Meyer*
Mrs. Betty Tiegs*
Mrs. Martha Schimke*

1956

Mrs. Annetta Frederick*
Mrs. Lillie Rowse*
Mrs. Marilyn Woodward*
Albert Hermansen*
Robert Bymers*
Roger Kendall*
George Hall*
Dennis Ackerson
Shirley Olson
DeLoy Hiepler
Jerelyn Burroughs
Betty Bertsch
Madella Meidinger
Marvin Provost
Maxine Hagen
Lucille Dathe
Maureen Maier
Constance Steinwand
Evonne Gebhardt
Delmon Gebhardt
Donald Hardin
Lenora Bernhagen*
Benjamin Schlauch*
Margaret Ashmore*
Gerald Morlock
Gary Heinrich

1957

James Burroughs
Leon Chilson
Ronnie Rudolf

John Gebhardt
Lorna Haberman
Jacqueline Maier
Betty Meidinger
Darlene Nishek
Donald Nishek
John Redlin
Shirley Schaunaman
Bonnie Van Dyke
Elizabeth Mehl
Margaret Mehl
Annabell Keller*
Ronald Hiepler*
Elizabeth Gesme*

1958

James McKenzie*
Allen Gebhardt*
Bonnie Anderson
John Blatter
Donna Delzer
Terry Fryslie
Marlin Gohnitz
Dorothea Hiepler
Richard Hiepler
Howard Kosel
Thomas Merkel
Melvin Michaelis
Richard Nogowski
Sharon Robb
Ila Sanders
Judith Spitzer

1959

Mrs. LeRoy Robb*
Alice Rost*
Clarence Weltz*
Susan Crabtree
Norman Dathe
Barbara Finney
James Kullant
James Lee
Albert Nishek
Ralph Redlin
Lorinda Scheuffele

1960

Owen Anderson*
Mrs. Richard Halder*
Eugene Kinzler*
Mrs. Fred Mayer*
Gilbert Otterstetter*
Kenneth Otterstetter*
Mrs. Marvin Robb*
Elvira Bernhagen
Carol Blatter
Judith Blatter
Sandra Brandenburger
Diana Breitreutz

* Adult Confirmation

Curtis Burow
Daryl Delzer
Joan Finney
Marion Hiepler
Carol Kosel
James Maier
Leland Morlock
William Nogowski
Richard Olson
Jonathan Oster
Kathleen Oster
Karen Pomplun
Joyce Robb
Terrance Young
Mrs. Robert Schaller*
Clifford Pahl*
Carol Umber*

1961

Frederick Kalbus
Carol Redlin
Gary Schlenker
Donald Meidenger
Deanna Delzer
Diane Nogowski
Thomas Maier
Richard Ackerson
Ralph Dathe
Jill DeYapp
Mrs. Kenneth Kosel*
Mrs. Dennis Schnabel*
Larry Hagen*

1962

Robert Bernhagen
John Davis
Doraine Delzer
Darlene Hiepler
Sylvia Kullnat
Ronald Kosel
Pamela Nogowski
Betty Oster
Ellis Oster, Jr.
Gregg Redlin
Gary Rudolf
Arthur Schimke
Harold Swatfager
Gayle Ulmer
Cheryl Wiederrich
Albert Bauder*
Mrs. Albert Bauder*

1963

Judith Anderson
Barbara Asmundson
Peggie Asmundson
Albert Blatter
Gayle Brandenburger

Sheryl Breitreutz
Darrell Golnitz
Donald Hill
Roberta Johnson
Susan Merrick
Judith Michaelis
Janell Nitschke
Sharon Otterstetter
Ramon Pomplun
Steven Redlin
Kenn Roehl
Dewey Steinwand
Walter Swatfager
Lila Ulrich
Dale Veland
Richard Young

1964

Willard Dathe
Drucilla Delzer
Shirley Hiepler
Doran Hiepler
Mark Kalbus
DeRae Nishek
Marion Oster
James Redlin
Judy Ulrich
Linda Gierke
Karol Maier
Sandra Nogowski
Cheryl Spitzer
Mrs. Bernice Neil*
Leland Gayman*
Gordon Seefried*
Mavis Buchholz*

1965

Robert Davis*
Mrs. Rosemary Bender*
Marcia Frysle*
Thomas Frysle*
Mrs. William Noess*
Andrew Kosel*
Mrs. Andrew Kosel*
Kirk Redlin
Melinda Raugutt
Donna Monteith
Dean Markuson
Barbara Kolasch
Connie King
Steven Hagen
Kent Gierke
Virginia Blatter
Sandra Aman
Gayle Anderson
Donald Dathe
Allan Bernhagen
Vera Louise Bernhagen

Debra Burow
David Gehring
Steven Heitmann
Janice Nitschke
Janet Ulmer
Karen Podoll
William Nishek
Christ Kauk*
Gary Kullnat*
Julie Nicholson*
Ruth Freih*
Mrs. Georgia Schaefer*
Kathleen Hemmerling*

1966

Mrs. Carol Kiser*
Edward Freih*
Ellen Bobbe
Jerome Gebhardt
Robert Gierke
Richard Hansen
Ellis Nell
Greg Nishek
Mark Podoll
Linda Swatfager
Richard Swatfager
Patsy Veland
Kerry Voegeli
John Kosel

1967

Cynthia Bolliger
Kenneth Dathe
Joan Davis
Julie Freih
Elaine Gebhardt
Maureen Hansen
Marlane Iszler
Bruce Kolasch
Nina Kolasch
Debbie Kosel
Dennis Markuson
Dwain Nell
Sharon Nitschke
Pamela Olson
Betty Otterstetter
Rayme Pomplun
Carter Podoll
Pamela Prunty
Herbert Swatfager
Mark Young
Mrs. Michael Michaelis*
John Rost*
Mrs. John Rost*
Nels Veland*
Larrie Heintzen*
Mrs. Nels Veland*

1968

Mary Bobbe
Nancy Breitreutz
LaPalma Gebhardt
Paula Klipfel
Patricia Nitschke
Gail Pomplun
Scott Redlin
Darwin Ulrich
Lou Ann Voegeli

1969

OK Ja Bender*
Delwin Delzer*
Mrs. Floyd Fiechtner*
Jami Frysle*
Steven Frysle*
Mrs. Howard Kosel*
Mrs. Donald Nishek*
Harlan Smith*
Rickey Smith*
Mrs. Rickey Smith*
Vicki Barton
Susan Frysle
Susan Hill
Ernest L. King
Gail Klatt
Bonita Klipfel
Brent Klipfel
Twyla Raugutt
Susan Redlin
Kenneth Retzlaff
Dean Shilman
Allan Swatfager
Susan Tiegs
Dean Ulrich
Paul Veland
Susan Wallace
Donna Young

Dale Davis*
Mrs. Ella Hall*
Allen Mueller*
Mrs. Ellie Peyton*
Mrs. Deborah Pomplun*
Ralph Wallace, Jr.*

1970

Virgil Otterstetter*
Stanley Ulmer*
Peggy Barton
Kathryn Beecher
William Bernhagen
Amy Bobbe
Judith Bymers
Debra Engbrecht
Richard Iszler

* Adult Confirmation

Barbara Redlin
Rachele Schock
Michael Steinwand
Paul Swatfager
Mary Vogel
Roberta Wahl
Kevin Young

1971

Ross Bobbe
Janell Bymers
John Davis
Peggy Gehring
Susan Heitmann
Sherry Maier
Craig Nell
Wayne Noess
Owen Raugutt
Rita Redlin
David Retzlaff
Victoria Steinwand
Debra Tiegs
Timothy Wiederrich
Rudolph Ruff*
James Rutschke*

1972

LeRoy Grueneich*
Gordon Kusler*
Mrs. Gordon Kusler*
Pamela Barton
Eric Bernhagen
Robin Engbrecht
Arlyn Frederick
Joan Klatt
Brent Nell
Darrel Nitschke
Linda Otterstetter
Gregory Peyton
Warren Retzlaff
Pamela Schock
Lori Shilman
Jennifer Steinwand
Dale Ulrich

1973

Mark Bobbe
William Dobler
Debora Heine
Brenda Klatt
Timothy Smith
Timothy Steinwand
Wayne Wiederrich
Lori Zimblelman
Alfred Ulmer*
Mrs. Alfred Ulmer*

1974

Duane Aman
Mary Anderson
Susan Bernhagen
Todd Breitzkreutz
Sherry Davis
Steven Dobler
Michael Engbrecht
Ann Gebhardt
Jeffrey Heitman
Glenn Kinzler
Susan Koch
Jerry Nishek
Joleen Pahl
Timothy Schock
Todd Steinwand
Doreen Voegeli
Renee Hatfield*
Charles Lowman*
Arvid Mittleider*
Mrs. Eva Mittleider*
Ferrel Mittleider*
Wesley Otterstetter*
Mrs. Della Pomplun*
Mrs. Harlan Smith*

1975

Marlys Steinwand
Elaine Aman
Elizabeth Aman
Loren Dathe
Kari Dobler
John Heine
Donald King
Cynthia Roeszler
Russell Zinter
Jerome Frederick*
Wonada Mittleider*
Mrs. Harold Billey*

1976

Richard Aman
Daniel Anderson
Daniel Barton
Brenda Breitag
Sharon Gebhardt
Rita Hatfield
Amy Klatt
Todd Kosel
Douglas Robb
Robert Seefried
David Smith
Lori Tiegs
Mrs. Dennis Kummer*
Brad Schaller*
Twyla Ulmer*

1977

Dale Aman
Carmen Kosel
Robin Mittleider
Lori Pahl
Tina Rada
Jay Roeszler
Lisa Voegeli
Douglas Zinter
Joel Maly*
Melvin Rodgers*
Timothy Sheldon*

1978

Lori Ammon
David Barton
Mark Dathe
Lynne Gayman
John Grueneich
Jeffrey Hagen
Julie Michaelis
Donna Retzlaff
James Robb
Kimberly Seefried
Ned Steinwand

1979

Susan Aman
Cheryl Hagen
Katheran Heitmann
Thomas Michaelis
Paula Olson
Terry Otterstetter
Sandra Schaller
Peggy Smith
Anthony Wedell
Mrs. Ann Sailor*

1980

Joan Aman
Gail Dathe
Scott Gayman
Paul Wedell
Lynette Zinter
Bridget Frederick*
Debra Smith*
Ned Frederick*
Susan Nell*
Paul Smith*
Mary Beth Young*

1981

Gerald Barton
Brenda Davis
Juliann Klipfel
Kirby Robb

Harley Smith
Allison Steinwand
Barbara Thomsen
Dawn Ulmer
Richard Voegeli
Derrin Wedell
John Kaiser*
Ewald Ulmer*
Mrs. Ewald Ulmer*

1982

Lorin Ammon
Cindy Breitag
Gary Dathe
Bradley Gayman
Sonia Holtz
Russell Kosel
Vanessa Wedell
Jeffrey Barton
Joel Grueneich
James Hatfield
Troy Olson
Mrs. Ross Bobbe*

1983

Bobbi Burow
Kristine Davis
Ellen Gayman
Diona Ulmer
Mrs. Dale Hiepler*
Mrs. Charles Jerke*
Mrs. Wayne Klipfel*
Herbert Wagner*
Mrs. H. Wagner*

1984

James Grueneich
Lisa Hiepler
Brent Kosel
Chadwick Mittleider
James Wedell
Donald Bohle*
Dean Geffre*
Keith Hafey*
James Ulmer*

1985

Diana Catlette
Hope Gayman
Lisa Heine
Nacole Holmgren
Christine Klipfel
Holly Kosel
Pamila Kosel
Iris Nishek
Darrin Ulmer

Stuart Wedell

Terry Young

Rhonda Barton*

Shelly Grueneich*

David Kleppinger*

Carl Kronberg*

Rick Niva*

1986

Carrie Breitag

Timothy Deitemeyer

John Klipfel

Gregg Kosel

Melissa Lawrence

Melissa Pahl

Ryan Pomplun

Shawn Ulmer

Philip Werth

Shirley Carlson*

Mary Iszler*

Sharon Young*

1987

Wendy Burow

Kari Grueneich

Lynette Hiepler

Tanya Holmgren

Bradley Nishek

Douglas Pahl

Carol Young

1988

Jason Bowles

Michael Catlette

Matthew Deitemeyer

Jocelyn Jerke

Lynn Kosel

Scott Seefried

Charles Tveit

Sarah Wedell

1989

Kristi Grueneich

Kerri Hiepler

Douglas Retzlaff

James Tiegs

Andrew Werth

1990

Garrett Mittleider

Ronica Retzlaff

Patrick Ulmer

1991

Shane Bowles

Christopher Cantey

Christina Deitemeyer

Jessica Hafey

Jody Kosel

Tosha Kronberg

Shannon Niva

Roxane Schock

James Sheldon

Joseph Veland

Robert Trautmann*

1992

Amy Beckius

Laura Dallman

Brent Grueneich

Tammy Reasy*

Mark Reasy*

Joyce Swatfager*

1993

Patrick Cantey

Aaron Filbert

Heather Kronberg

Tyler Pomplun

Michael Zinter

Russell Furman*

Karman Furman*

Angela Smith*

John Stefanowicz*

1994

Crystal Bobbe

Ryan Hafey

Amy Maly

Adam Sand

Lindsey Veland

1995

Mary Deitemeyer

Joy Furman

Brock Grueneich

Trevor Kronberg

Amanda Maly

Andrew Rithmiller

Ryan Schock

Erica Young

1996

Timothy Beckius

Kevin Bobbe

Darcy Gayman

Weston Hagen

Jenny Redlin

Bradley Retzlaff

Heidi Trautmann

Jason Zinter

1997

Justin Bobbe

Cassy Gayman

Sarah Kaiser

Michelle Kleppinger

Colette Kronberg

Dean Rithmiller

Jordan Sand

Ryan Ulmer

Christopher Siedschlag

Kent Scallon

Kelly Adam*

1998

Gene Pettijohn*

Thomas Aldrich*

Jesse Filbert

Jessica Zinter

Stacy Retzlaff

Kristi Hafey

Brent Rall

Ross Young

Brian O'Neill

Matthew Haase



Weddings

1929

Leonard Johson - Bertha Weist
Friedrich Rosebrook - Thea Mueller
Edward Jannisch - Ella Fischer
Ferdinand Hiepler - Emily Nishek
Gustav Estrand - Myrtle Johnson

1930

Gottlieb Schales - Clara Friedrick

1932

John Nitschke - Anna Fehling
Theodore Stock - Gertrude Siewert
Gottlieb Gebhardt - L. Ethel Adams
Gerhardt Traetow - Gertrude Naurekie

1933

Samuel Gebhardt - Rachel Bollinger
John Roeszler - Genevieve Lacina
John Riege - Edna Obenchain

1934

Gottlieb Gebhardt - Otilia Bollinger
Emil Schulz - Clara Bitz
Houston Choney - Edna Hilscher

1935

John Aipperpack - Anna Marie Weis
Milo Martinson - Elizabeth Grund
W. Alfred Schutz - Paulina Dallmann
LeRoy Bobzein - Luella Whelan
Henry Schaller - Otilia Kirschner
Allen Hayes - Ruth Ann Rithmiller

1936

Francis Nicols - Marie Schmaal
Lester Durheim - Marjorie Harrison
Gerald Yeager - Mildred Kluck
Herbert Neil - Violet Salo

1937

Winfield Denison - Theresa Flynn
Ben C. Lanz - Esther Klettke

1938

John Aipperschach - Paulina Franz
Paul Tschetter - Margaret Beck
Anton Forner - Magdalena Hein
Willie Hilscher - Ida Schock

1939

Walter Hiepler - Ella Fenner
S. C. Powers - Ella Bernhagen
Arthur Retzlaff - Irene Isaac
Carl A. Johson - Ella Askin

1940

Harry Scheffert - Edna Moldenhauer
Clarence Menzel - Marie Hiepler
Frank Eberhard - Ella Riddle
Edren Hyppa - Adelaide Pajari
Herbert Pomplun - Alice Roehl
Jack Maier - Mae Bollinger

1941

Lewis Smith - Geneva Hokana
Marcus Hardin - Erna Fey
Wesley Greenwald - Loraine Peterson
William Domine - Alta Larson
Donald Crabtree - Edna Bruns
Conrad Strand - Martha Mintz
Robert Veland - Edna Flagel
Ferdinand Schmaal - Clara Mayer
Theodore Zimmerman - Elsie Roeszler
Earl Billigmeier - Essiemae Bates
John Steinwand - Emma Stahlecker

1942

Reinhold Quashnik - Pearl Oman
Arthru Frysle - Ardys Merrick
Wilson Smith - Myrtle Pansegrau
Robert Johnson - Lolita Muske
Russell O'Brien - Frieda Nitschke
Preston Hurley - Edna Gebhardt

1943

Reinhold Zinter - Ethel Hatfield
Lloyd Perlenfein - Ethel Henningsen

1944

Cecil Klatt - Ruth Beecher
James Hokana - Dorothy Holmberg

1945

Kenneth Zuber - Anna Jackson
Philip Schumacker - Ella Kempf

1946

Charles Kirnan - Frieda Steinwand
Lawrence Genter - Mildred Mammel
Edward Jozen - Edna Maier
John Salo - Mary Muldoon

1947

Charles Merrick - Leah Steinwand
Leonard Vasvick - Marie Wiederich
Norman Veland - Mabel Otterstetter
Ervin Swatfager - Irmgard Banse
Louis Klima - Marie Maier
Donald Berg - Celia Roeszler

1948

Merton Andresen - Vivian Huber
Edgar Otterstetter - Delores Knox
Naim Hermansen - Joyce Hill
Raymond Jenkins - Lorraine Wanttie
A. Reuben Gehring - Betty Muske
Arthur Wall - Inga Brandenburger

1949

Clarence Zahn - Ruth Hokana
LeRoy Juelke - Diane Schmoker
Jacob Aman - Betty Hagen

1950

Kenneth Johnson - Christine Nelson
Kenneth Geddes - Hazel Jeschke
Harley Heitmann - Lillie Mayer
Christoph Zundel - Betty Hiepler
Wayne Merrick - Mable Schaller
Willis Demke - Gladys Schmitt
Martin Steinwand - Mildred Weitla
Oris Blegen - Marjorie Wright
Raymond Fuchs - Marion Aman
Roger Bobbe - Dorothy Steinwand

1951

Emil Nishek - Lorraine Sand
Barton Slemmons - Arlene Provost
Verland Zinter - Nadine Jury
John Frank - Ida Snyder
Arthur Gebhardt - Ida Weitla
Theodore Nell - Viola Enzminger
Roy Myhre - Dorothy Hieb
Carroll Waite - Ella Steinwand

1952

Marvin Griffin - Esther Schaller
Floyd Young - Dolores Provost
Clarence Biederstedt - Laura Pyle

1953

Walter Rithmiller - Betty Geisler
 Claire Mitchell - Irene Neil
 Clifford Rost - Agnes Weiler
 James Mammel - Margie Albrecht
 Jack Higby - Hilda Salo
 Robert Peldo - Lois Miller
 Robert Barton - Donna Meyers
 Darrel Dick - Dorothy LeMieux
 Harold Beecher - Luella Hall
 John Peldo - Constance Burow
 Norman Kruckenberg - Bernice Kosel

1954

Wilbert Wolff - Leona Schaller
 Elmer Schock - Darlene Schmaal
 LaVerne Hildebrand - LaVonne Johnson
 Marvin Clausen - Wilma Radke
 Fred Karjalainen - Adeline Veland
 Gary Tieg - Mary Ann Jeffers
 Loren Schulz - Loretta Meidinger
 Mike Bender - Marlene Schaller
 Paul Meyer - Eleanor Mittleider

1955

Edwin Frederick - Annetta Rost
 Alvin Ulmer - Joyce Cotten
 Paul Landstrom - Sally Crabtree
 Edgar Bollinger - Eleonore Nell
 Arnold Wallender - Donna Wiederrich
 Donald Anderson - JoAnn Woodward
 Kenneth Stark - Carolyn Zinter
 Marvin Nell - Violet Steinwand

1956

Richard Wiederrich - Alice Brandenburger
 Gary Stucker - Harriet Schaller
 John Bassingwaite - Marion Zinter
 Benjamin Schlauch - Patricia Ashmore
 Merle Noess - Florence Meyers
 Iver Oster - Evelyn Kosel
 Harold Edwards - Margaret Ashmore
 John Almquist - Jean Dobler
 Edward Schense - Mae Sanders
 Donovan Krueger - Doris Clancy
 Lawrence Aman - Darlene Dathe
 Robert Jury - Dorothy Schaller
 Melvin Avery - Helyn Schaller

1957

Donald Steinwand - Nita Carlson
 Roger Kendall - Lela Larson
 Donald Zook - Helen Sharp
 Wilfred Ziegler - Katherine Dobler
 Melvin Provost - Elizabeth Gesme
 Darrell Ruff - Etala Entzi
 Victor Jording - Arlene Brandenburger
 James McKenzie - Loretta Mintz

1958

Roger Kiihn - Eunice Merkel
 Gordon Buger - Jeanette Merkel
 A. LeRoy Robb - Jeanette Smith
 Donald Anderson - Duann Steinwand
 Clarence Weltz - Rosalie Schaller
 Garth Zieman - Carol Neitzel
 Lowell Edwards - Anna Mae Davis
 Reuben Schidt - Audrey Schaunaman
 Raymond Peterson - Lois Husby
 Alvin Nicholson - Madella Meidinger
 Gottlieb Speidel - Ruby Jean Zinter

1959

Derril Wedell - Nancy Larson
 Edward Strand - Shirley Kosel
 Roland Haase - Tina Schill
 Marvin Robb - Shirley Leigh
 Richard Nankivel - Yvonne Hanson
 Raymond Pomplun - JoAnn Hiepler
 Loren Niederbaumer - Viola Hiepler
 Fred Mayer - Christina Schwaha
 Ronald Zimmerman - Shirley Schaunaman
 Clifford Pahl - Lorraine Hiepler

1960

Emil Matz - Mildred Graff
 Henry Frederick - Veronica Bender
 Patrick Klipfel - Diane Wiederrich
 Larry King - Janice Michaelis
 Orville Anderson - Mabel Veland
 Robert Schaller - Sherry Jury
 Freeman Watson - Constance Steinwand

1961

Gerald Grueneich - Lucille Dathe
 Ronald Meidinger - Donna Delzer
 Adam Bender - Rosemary Waltz

1962

Darwin Hatfield - Dorothy Leonard
 Donald Schaefer - Verella Biederstedt
 Robert Martilla - Shirley Olson
 Ellsworth Eck - Rosemary Husby
 Jacob Fey - Karoline Klipfel
 Thomas Vie - Sharon Stahlecker

1963

Jack Rogelstad - Diana Brandenburger
 Laurie Bucholz - Mavis Hartman
 Donald Miller - Darlene Nishek
 Louis Geisert - Eva Dathe
 Curtis Neuman - Terri Fryslie
 Otto Steinwand - Edith Clausen

1964

Arnold Oster - Dorothy Sperling
 Sam Biederstedt - Martha Biederstedt
 Dennis Ackerson - Maureen Maier
 Reinhold Kehren - Laura Fiechtner

1965

George Schaefer - Georgia Fuher
 Edmund Schnabel - Alvina Gebhardt
 Marvin Hewitt - Norida Gierke
 Ernest Zinter - Dorothy Cassell

1966

Wayne Sitts - Gayle Brandenburger
 Douglas Ulmer - Diana Nitschke
 Richard Olson - Peggy Klipfel

1967

Lenus Carlson - Karen Pomplun
 Terry Ulmer - Diana Breikreutz
 Robert Davis - Carol Blatter
 Gene Miklian - Lorinda Schueffele
 Larrie Heintzen - Patricia Prunty
 Patrick Ryan - Dorraine Delzer
 Charles Reimers - Faye Neil

1969

Ramon Pomplun - Debra Byers
 Alan Werth - Dorothy Retzlaff
 Duane Woehl - Sandra Aman
 James Maier - Sandra Hoss
 Stanley Ulmer - Janel Ulmer
 Robert McMillan - Laurel Rithmiller
 Dennis Dukart - Drusilla Delzer

1970

Allen Mueller - Connie King
 Gregg Redlin - Joetta Hokana
 Reed Healy - Deanna Delzer

1971

Brett Murphy - Virginia Blatter
 John Schlickemeyer - Rayme Pomplun
 James Rutschke - Patsy Veland
 Ronald Schock - Janice Nitschke

1972

Emil Frederick - Kathleen Hemmerling
 Kenneth Mann - Mary Bobbe
 Dale Veland - Kerry Voegeli
 Robert Matzke - Cheryl Glaser
 Doran Dobler - LaPalma Gebhardt
 James Mock - Nancy Iszler
 John Pfeifer - Cheryl Spitzer

1973

Ralph Riemer - Jerelyn Burroughs
 Dwight Filbert - Betty Otterstetter
 Carl Bulian - Judy Ulrich
 Kirk Redlin - Susan Breske
 Arnold Middlestead - Marlane Iszler
 Lynn Siness - Pamela Prunty
 Christian Bollinger - Clara Schmaal
 Kenneth Harrison - Ellen Bobbe
 John Kaiser - Lou Ann Voegeli

1974

Ronald Case - Peggy Barton
 James Jackson - Joan Davis
 Randall Hintzmann - Susan Hill
 Dennis Kummer - Casildra Mittleider
 Gregory Roehl - Susan Wallace
 Wayne Knudson - Sandra Heinrich

1975

Roger Nixon - Sheryl Breitreutz
 Virgil Otterstetter - Ferell Mittleider
 Paul Veland - Gail Klatt
 Dean Shilman - Karen Lee
 Keith Hafey - Debra Engbrecht
 Kim Davis - Linda Oterstetter

1976

Lester Rattei - Robin Engbrecht
 Mark Reddig - Karol Maier

1977

Timothy Robbins - Susan Heitmann
 Sidney Gayman - Peggy Gehring
 John Sand - Amy Bobbe
 David Kleppinger - Sharon Nitschke
 David Shockman - Rita Redlin
 James Bartley - Cynthia Bolliger
 Robert Husby - Judy Breitag

1978

Daryl Lematta - Wonada Mittleider
 Frank Fritzler - Melinda Raugutt
 Ernest L. King - Bonita Klipfel
 Joel Maly - Sherry Maier
 Paul Le Mier - Pamela Barton

1979

Kurt Dodgers - Elaine Gebhardt
 Dale Peterson - Victoria Steinwand
 Robert Trautmann - Twyla Ulmer

1980

Arlyn Frederick - Bridget Cummings
 Craig Gehring - Judy Otterstrom
 John Beckius - Marsha Zinter
 Dwain Nell - Susan Wagner
 Kenneth Scallon - Elaine Aman

1981

Duane Filbert - Sherry Schaller
 Kevin Sweeney - Barbara Redlin
 Timothy Schock - Nona Martin
 Craig Nell - Barbara Roehl
 Leslie Roth, Jr. - Linda Davis
 Dennis Broderick - Pamela Schock
 Jeff Hagen - Diana Knox
 James Zimprich - Rachele Schock

1982

Cal Stange - Brenda Breitag
 James Ulmer - Donna Cantey
 Jerome Frederick - Kimberly Schlenker
 Dean Geffre - Robin Mittleider
 Steven Iverson - Lisa Voegeli
 Willard Dathe - Paula Lill
 David Schrall - Twyla Raugutt
 Wayne Klipfel - Carrie Ebert

1983

Richard Aman - Linda Hoffman
 Robert Gemar - Kathy Mattson
 Walter Rithmiller - Joleen Pahl
 Wilbert Otterstetter - Etta Smith

1984

Robert Haase - Susan Aman
 Donald Bohle - Lynne Gayman
 Daniel Barton - Rhonda Grabatin
 David Barton - Dorene Henningsen

1985

Michael Burrer - Kimberly Seefried
 John Grueneich - Shelly Ulmer
 Gary Hokana - Lori Steinwand
 Charles Iszler - Mary Chidley
 Kevin Pavlicek - Lori Tieg
 Walter Swatfager - Joyce Conn

1986

Melvin Rodgers - Gladys Rodgers
 Bruce Fick - Nancy Heinrich
 Toby Heller - Tina Rada
 Mukesh Prabhu - DeRae Nishek
 Jay Fuher - Julie Michaelis

1987

Raymond Hill - Betty Gehring

1988

Richard Voegeli - Dawn Ulmer
 Richard Schlosser - Ellen Gayman

1989

Wayne Hample - Kerry Miller
 Douglas Vetter - Elizabeth Aman
 Mickey Miller - Sheila Schumacher

1990

Lynn Rall - Cynthia Cash
 Kelly Adam - Hope Gayman
 Terry Farthing - Joan Aman

1991

Devlin Reasy - Tammy Jackson
 Lee Hornady - Julieann Klipfel

1992

Douglas Robb - Delma Banzuelo
 Ned Frederick - Kay Fuller
 Shawn Koskie - Melinda Reasy

1993

Christopher Sumption - Lisa Heine

1994

William Jones - Dawn Paul
 David Endres - Cheryl Hagen
 Russell Kosel - Sarah Van Raden

1995

Gary Dathe - Kristina Johnson
 David Retzlaff - Dawn Doremus
 Jeff Fox - Lori Pahl
 Brent Kosel - Nancy Haring

1996

Bruce Ingman - Lynette Zinter
 Jesse Sullivan - Wendy Burow

1997

Paul Wedell - Heather Vaughn
 Anard Berg - Anna Sjommeing

1998

Alex Steinwand - Violet Neil
 Kenneth Retzlaff - Elaine Jensen
 Stewart Ruenz - Jeanette Robb
 Bradley Nishek - Kari Grueneich
 Jason Fredenburg - Kristi Grueneich



Funerals

1925

Ed Jeske

1926

Jacob Schneck

Adeline Fetzer

1927

Julius Olek

1928

Mrs. Jacob Schneck

1929

Edwin Frederick

1932

Herman E. Wedel

1933

Bertha Polzin Kracke

Ernest H. Heine

Fred Kirschner

1934

Dorothy Hiepler

1935

Gustav C. Heine

Gottlieb Gebhardt

Mrs. August Noess

1936

John Kosel

Mrs. Fred Newmann

1938

Adolph Hiepler, Sr.

Edward Newmann

1939

Christian Maier

1940

Mrs. Elsie Olek

1941

Arvin Dathe

Baby Girl Dathe

1942

Mrs. Elsie Muske

Sophia Retzlaff

1943

Jacob Reule

Maria Plaziak

Lucille Layton

1944

August H. Noess

Mrs. Elsie Hanson

1945

Mrs. Magdalena Mayer

Selma Mayer

Mrs. Christina Kosel

1946

Katie L. Heckelsmiller

Regina Fetzer

1947

Herman Lematta

George H. Banse

Christian Mayer

William Nishek

Lena Gebhardt

1948

Gilbert Zimmerle

Emil F. Dathe

Baby Boy Roeszler

1949

Martin Thielman

Emma R. Dathe

Richard Gehring

Wilbert A. Stahlecker

Arthur J. Stahlecker

Mrs. Matilda Nishek

Gottlieb Mintz

1950

Herman Lohse

Frederick A. Bobbe

Conrad Philip Waltz

Michael Wagner

Baby Otterstetter

Mrs. Elizabeth Mayer

1951

Philip Wagner

George Nell

Charles Lucke

1952

Christian Delzer

Mrs. Sophie Delzer

Henry Schaller, Sr.

Laurice Jozen

Ellis R. Nell

William Busch

Mrs. Christina Wagner

1953

Gottfried Roeszler

James D. Mammel

John Rohrbach

John Fetzer

Lillie Sand

Isaac F. Vantries

1954

Matthew Wolff

Norman Veland, Jr.

1955

Baby Boy Steinwand

Christ Klipfel

John A. Gebhardt

Katherine Kirschman

1956

Rozella Wallace

Baby Boy Schock

Ernest Muske

Sophie M. Vick

Howard Schaller

Ingeborg Hanson

Christina Wagner

Mrs. Louise Busch

Herman Zinter

Christoff Nishek

1957

Deanna Tiegs

Baby Boy Clausen

Katherine Stern

Konrad Otterstetter

1958

Karoline Roeszler

John Klipfel

1959

Howard DeYapp

Mrs. Martha Hiepler

Ruby Redlin

Ralph Redlin

Vera Reinhardt

Walter Wedell

1960

Dora Eiden

Max Beecher

Lydia Stahlecker

Edward Kosel

1961

Robert Steinwand

Merlin Rowse

Mrs. Fred Schaal

1962

Chris Stern

Mrs. Jacob Fey

Beth Grueneich

Henry Steinwand

Jolene Kolasch

Hans Clausen

Darrick Ziebart

Gottfried Benderwald

1963

Mrs. Carl Burow

1964

Raymond Pomplun, Sr.

Mrs. Henry Schaller

Donald L. Hardin

Fred Mayer

1965

Mrs. John Klipfel

Mrs. Henry Steinwand

Mrs. Mary Tiegs

Mrs. Julius Heinrich

Mrs. Elizabeth Aman

1966

Mrs. Caroline Steinwand

Mrs. George Nell

Dennis Ackerson

Mrs. William Zinter

Kenneth Kempf

Joseph Veland

Jacob Bertsch

1967

Mrs. John Steinwand

Jacob Mammel

Ferdinand Hiepler

Edward Freih

Edward Maier

1968

William F. Zinter

Herbert H. Witt

Julius Heinrich

Allen Ammon

Frederick Stahlecker

Louis A. Pederson

1969

Einar J. Strand
 Baby Boy Engbrecht
 Alan Wade Nell
 Mrs. Emil Nelson
 Art Mammel
 Baby Boy Fiechtner
 Ernest Beecher
 Martin Bode

1970

Albert Bauder
 Robert Wolff
 Wilbert R. Mayer
 Mrs. Gustav Richter
 Mrs. Fred Stahlecker
 Debra M. Kosel
 Frederick M. Zinter
 Mrs. Minnie Pomplun
 Mrs. Frederick Zinter

1971

Carl Retzlaff, Sr.
 Alexander Steinwand
 Mrs. Bertha Byer

1972

Jacob Fey
 Melvin Golnitz
 Henry K. Schaller
 Gustav Richter
 Ferdinand Schmaal
 John Kullnat
 Nels Veland
 Mrs. John Eck
 Richard Wiederrich

1973

Lulu Noess
 Ernestine Walker
 Alice Noess
 Mable VanTries
 Dean Ulrich
 Emilie Wahl
 Claus Mohr
 Adam Oster
 Mrs. Richard Schoen
 Mrs. R. Steinwand
 Darwin Hatfield

1974

Reinhold Steinwand
 Mrs. M. Bollinger
 Mrs. Max Beecher
 Christian B. Schock
 Esther Wolff
 John Weis

Christopher Kirmis
 Mrs. Pauline Gentz
 Mrs. Samuel Hoffmann
 John J. Merkel
 August Nishek
 Mrs. Gottlieb Werth
 Mrs. Adam Oster
 Henry Michaelis
 Arthur Zinter
 Charles Wahl
 Carl Krapu

1975

Brian Alan Koch
 Mrs. Ida Maack
 Albert Blatter
 Mrs. Caroline Kempf
 Mrs. Anna Michaelis
 Mrs. Edna Merrick
 Andrew Kosel
 Paul Schlenker
 Mrs. Martha Steinwand

1976

Harlan Henningson*
 Mrs. Julie Felcyn*
 Gottlieb Dockter
 Ralph Wallace
 Herman Tieg
 Mrs. Carl Retzlaff, Sr.
 George Schaller
 Mrs. John Gulke

1977

Harry Reukauf
 Fred Schaal
 Meta Hoermann
 Arthur Schmaal

1978

Reuben Meidinger
 Delaine Merkel
 William Noess
 Mrs. Bertha Mammel
 Mrs. Martha Ulmer
 Mrs. Christina Mintz
 Paul Bernhagen
 Jacob Gebhardt

1979

Frederick Schaller
 Steven Dobler
 Ervin Swatfager
 Mrs. Helena Maier

* - buried elsewhere

John Mayer
 Mrs. Pearl Kosel
 Mrs. Emma Hauck
 Edwin Newton Davis

1980

Otto Genter
 Jakob Maier
 Mrs. Therisia Wiederrich
 Mrs. Abigail McClellan

1981

Howard Wahl
 Mrs. Marie Heine
 Richard Schoen
 Mrs. Marie Banse
 Alfred Kalbus
 Mrs. Emma Kullnat

1982

Jacob Aman
 Arndt Steinwand
 Mrs. Laura Zinter
 Mrs. Karolina Fey
 Mrs. Rudolf Spitzer
 Mrs. Louis Steinwand
 Mrs. Wilbert Otterstetter
 Herbert Neil
 Gottlieb Wiederrich
 August Hiepler
 George Maack

1983

Reuben Gehring
 Mrs. Mildred Hermansen
 John Kosel
 Theophil Maag
 Henry Provost
 Otto Roeszler
 Paul R. Smith

1984

Gertude Boekelheide
 Leslie E. Merrick
 Hildegard Nishek
 Herbert W. Pomplun
 Bernhard Rasch
 Mrs. Mary Wolff

1985

Mrs. Bertha Bernhagen
 Gottfried Kempf
 Herbert L. Wagner
 Reinhold Zinter

1986

Walter Michaelis
 O. A. Finney
 Eleanor Schoen
 John H. Michaelis
 Mrs. Esther Schaller
 Mrs. Herbert Dathe
 Mrs. E. J. Strand
 Dustin Wayne Klipfel
 Lydia Gall
 Emil Aman

1987

Ralph Gentz
 Gregory Phillip Fuher
 Mrs. Theophilia Lux
 Mrs. Anna Sailor
 Dorothy Swatfager

1988

Dolores Johnson
 Alfred Ulmer
 Helen Hoermann
 Mrs. Ida Bobbe
 Gunda Husby
 Norman Rauggutt
 Sherry Filbert

1989

Mrs. John Rost
 Olga Rauggutt
 Mrs. Amelia Davis
 Mrs. Elizabeth Schock
 Adam Merkel
 Mrs. Inga Bahma
 Mrs. Emma Buchholz
 Mrs. Ella Wallace
 Edwin Delzer
 Lail Woodward
 Patrick Dobler-Hannum
 Mrs. Fred Kalbus
 William Retzlaff

1990

Joseph Ulmer
 Robert Johnson
 Gregory Nishek
 Mrs. Harold Nishek
 Fred W. Kalbus
 Mrs. Paula Wedell
 Carl Burow
 Anna M. Hoermann
 Mrs. Louise Zinter
 Verland V. Zinter
 Carl Simmons
 Mrs. Fern Finney
 Mrs. Eva Guenther

1991

Marie Anderson
 John Rost
 Julia Frederick
 Albert LeRoy Robb
 Mathilda Veland
 Gladys Rodgers
 Harold Mayer
 Ross Bobbe

1992

Fred Nitschke
 Mrs. Agnes DeYapp
 Mrs. Betty Zinter
 Mrs. Emma Speidel
 Melvin Rodgers
 Mrs. Emilia Ensminger

1993

Edmund Morlock
 Mrs. Lenora Gentz
 Alvin Klipfel
 John Ackerson
 Mrs. Gertrude Wedell
 Mrs. Mary Steinwand

1995

Mrs. Emilia Quashnick
 Emmanuel Rasch
 Wilbert Otterstetter
 Edwin A. Schock
 Albert Bahma
 Mrs. Martha Edwards

1996

Paul Henry Wedell
 Lawrence Genter
 Raymond Zinter
 Harold Nishek
 Erna Steinwand
 Anna Mammel
 Herbert Dathe
 Edith Steinwand
 Rosella May Billey
 Theodore W. Kurtz

1997

Albert Hermansen
 Sadie Provost
 Viola Roeszler
 Helen Husby
 Otto Steinwand
 Katherine Mintz
 Clayton Lee Voegeli

1998

Isla Simmons
 Leonard Ulrich
 Emily Hiepler
 Willard Koch
 Ervin Spitzer



Praise Thy God, O Zion

Official Acts

1923 - 1998

WE PRAISE AND THANK YOU, LORD -

For . . . the grace which in 75 years You have bestowed upon the 928 souls who were made members of Your Family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. "He that believeth and is Baptized shall be saved." Mark 16:16

For . . . the grace which in 75 years led 896 kneeling Confirmands (259 adults and 637 youth) to promise You life-long loyalty, devotion, and service. "Be Thou Faithful unto death, and I will give You a crown of life." Revelation 2:10

For . . . the blessing which in 75 years You did bestow on the 347 wedding couples whose union was sanctified before Your altar in the Word of God and prayer. "Marriage is honorable in all." Hebrews 13:4

For . . . the victory which You have given to the 385 souls who in 75 years have been transferred from Zion to the Church Triumphant. "I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25

Present membership: Souls - 585 Communicants - 443

PASTORS OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Rev. Paul L. Kluender.....	November 18, 1922 to April 1, 1923
The Rev. Theodore Klatt.....	May 20, 1923 to June 8, 1924
The Rev. Herbert J. Teske.....	April 10, 1927 to August 29, 1927
The Rev. W. E. Rohe.....	December 4, 1927 to September 25, 1930
The Rev. A. F. Vomhof.....	November 9, 1930 to January 30, 1941
The Rev. Edwin M. F. Jording.....	March 16, 1941 to July 10, 1950
The Rev. Clemens H. Mehl.....	December 3, 1950 to July 14, 1957
The Rev. John F. Bollman.....	October 20, 1957 to August 18, 1963
The Rev. Ronald W. Seitz.....	January 26, 1964 to May 21, 1967
The Rev. Theodore H. Vogel.....	September 1, 1968 to April 1976
The Rev. Leo R. Deitemeyer.....	January 23, 1977 to October 29, 1995
The Rev. Dennis B. O'Neill.....	June 16, 1996 to -----

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	Ernest King
	David Smith
	Jeff Steinwand
	Tim Steinwand
	Tim Spitzer
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	John Stefanowicz
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	David Smith
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Sunday School Treasurer.....	David Retzlaff
Head Ushers.....	Ray Aman
	Walt Schock
	Owen Raugutt
	Russell Zinter
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LWML President.....	Sharon Aman
Vice-President.....	Lorraine Pahl
Secretary.....	Janet O'Neill
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Mite Box Treasurer.....	Wilma Raugutt
LYF President.....	Tom O'Neill
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Officers and Leaders of Zion Lutheran Church



Elders - 1998

**back row - l to r - Orryn Heine, Paul Mahler, Paul Veland. and Robert Trautmann
front row - l to r - Walter Raugutt, Pastor O'Neill, and Clifford Pahl**

Kingdom Workers from Zion

SONS OF ZION WHO ENTERED THE HOLY MINISTRY

- The Rev. Howard Jording - (St. Louis - '58)
Hankinson, North Dakota
- The Rev. Calvin Vick - (St. Louis - '64)
Greenville, South Carolina
- The Rev. Norman Aman - (Springfield - '61)
Alger, Michigan (retired)
- The Rev. Raymond Pomplun - (St. Louis - '61)
Aberdeen, South Dakota
- The Rev. Darrell Golnitz - (St. Louis - '71)
Green Bay, Wisconsin
- The Rev. Larry Veland - (Ft. Wayne - '84)
Powell, Wyoming
- The Rev. Alan Werth - (Ft. Wayne - '93)
Wahpeton, North Dakota

SONS AND DAUGHTERS WHO ENTERED THE TEACHING PROFESSION OF THE CHURCH

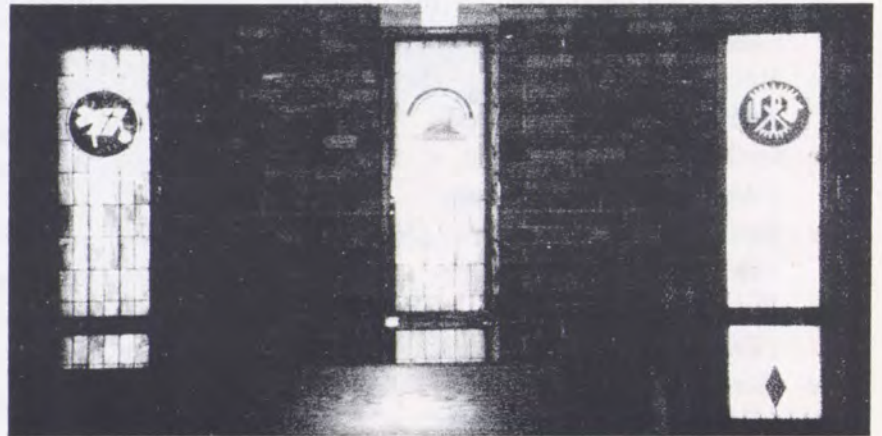
- Robert Golnitz - (Seward - '62)
Long Prairie, Minnesota
- Laura Fiechtner (Mrs. R. Kerhen) -
(Seward - '64) - Marshall, Minnesota
- Lorinda Scheuffele (Mrs. Allen Clary) -
(St. Paul - '67) - Cazenovia, Wisconsin
- Loren Dathe - (Seward - '84)
Ossian, Indiana
- Dorothy Retzlaff (Mrs. Alan Werth) -
(St. Paul - '70) - Wahpeton, North Dakota

Stained Glass Windows

The congregation's love for the Lord and the beautification of His church was evidenced when the decision was made in 1996 to replace the old windows with new stained glass windows.

The following themes were selected: Praying Hands, The Cross, The Resurrection, The Crucifixion, Communion, Baptism, The Nativity, Cross/Bible, Noah's Ark, Law and Gospel, All Saints, The Trinity, The Hand of God Creator, The Lamb of God, and The Holy Spirit.

The new windows were dedicated along with the new addition and sound system on June 22, 1997.



1923 --- 1998.....and into the future...

As we look at the changing face of rural America in 1998, there is a reason for concern. We see how the rural population is decreasing. There are so few farms in our area now, in comparison to days gone by. What does this mean? Does it mean that our congregation may not survive much longer?

I would like to suggest that we here at Zion not worry about what the next years might bring for our Congregation. The Lord's Word and Sacraments have strengthened us through difficult times in the past, and they will do so in the future. God's Word remains true: "I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU." He will preserve the pure preaching and teaching of the Word here. He will make sure that the Sacraments are properly administered here.

I would also like to suggest that we not be saddened by the fact that so many of our young people have left this area, with little or no hope of ever returning. This is not all bad! Think of all the young people, taught and trained and nurtured in the Lord here at Zion, whom we have sent out into other parts of the nation and world! King Solomon said in the Proverbs: "TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY THAT HE SHOULD GO; AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT." Several generations of young people have been trained in the Christian faith here at Zion. Hopefully..... prayerfully, they have taken that faith into all walks of life. What a blessing, for all of us at Zion to have been a part of that.

Perhaps our area will continue to shrink in population. Perhaps more will leave our area. But, the sure and certain promise of salvation by grace, through faith in Christ will not change or shrink. We will continue to send people out into all walks of life after training them in the Christian faith here at Zion. For that, we should be truly thankful! For that, we should say with Paul as we begin our second 75 years: "REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS! AGAIN, I SAY REJOICE!"

Rev. Dennis B. O'Neill



“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, October 24, 1998

7:00 - 8:30 P.M. - Open House Reception at the church

Sunday, October 25, 1998

9:30 A.M. - Morning Worship Service

11:30 A.M. - Dinner in the church basement

**3:00 P.M. - Festival Worship Service - Rev. Howard
Jording - Guest Speaker**

**Coffee and refreshments following the
Festival Service in the church basement**

